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## COUNTY TICKET.

For Probate Judge:  
A. P. LONGSHORE.

For Tax Assessor:  
J. S. PITTS.

For County Treasurer:  
W. E. HARRISON.

For Superintendent of Education:  
J. O. DOROUGH.

For Commissioner 1st District:  
J. E. DYKES.

For Commissioner 2nd District:  
JAMES M. ALLEN.

The Sentinel just will continue to try to mislead the people. It tries to intimate that the Commissioners' Court arranged for eight thousand dollars to pay out of debt with and that then the court would have to arrange for more money for current expenses. The fact is this, the first of April the county was out of debt and the Commissioners' Court only had to make arrangements for money for current expenses. Let the truth prevail, even though it may not suit the Sentinel.

People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones. The Democratic party has been preaching extravagance against the Populist administration, when an investigation of the two administrations shows that the Democratic administration for years and years before the Populist got in power, were much more extravagant than that of the Populist administration. The records will show that the money during Populist administration has been spent to improve the roads and bridges of the county and the people get the benefit of it.

Yesterday morning, Judge Alston lectured the Shelby county Jury Commission for drawing incompetent men for jury duty. He was prompted to make the lecture because one man drawn for jury duty was 84 years old, another 76 years old and still another was blind.

The above from the Sentinel shows how ready Judge Alston was to find fault with the work of others. The Jury Commission of this county is composed of two Democrats, one Populist and one Republican, and the Advocate is of the opinion that they understand their duty. Of course mistakes will occur some times, but we dare say that the jurors of Shelby county compare very favorably with the juries of other counties, and the county has not been put to as much expense on account of incompetent jurors as it has by the Judge giving attorneys two or three hours at a time to prepare pleadings in cases that ought to have been prepared before court.

A political party is an association of those who desire the adoption or maintenance of some certain and highly important public measures. A political organization whose members are divided on the most important public issues ought to disband and let its members join parties which advocate their views or form new parties. It is the duty of every man to vote with a party that agrees with his sentiments on the main public questions. For example, all who believe the government should issue money direct to the people instead of to rich banking corporations should vote with the Peoples Party.—Missouri World.

## Public Speaking.

There will be public speaking at Bay Springs church on Saturday May 28th at 10:30 o'clock, on the Political issues of the day. Distinguished speakers have been invited to represent the various parties, and the public are cordially invited. A basket dinner will be spread and an interesting discussion may be expected.

W. M. CONNELL,  
J. D. WHITTEN and others,  
Committee.

A person is pretty smart not to think he is smarter than he is.

## The Money Question.

A few men own all the gold in the world several times over. Their efforts are directed towards getting all governments to make all other money redeemable in gold. If they succeed they will have the labor of the earth at their feet. They will have all nations competing with each other for the possession of the worthless yellow dross. If no nation used it for money, the stuff would be a drug on the market at not more than fifty cents for what now sells for twenty dollars. This gold money is made redeemable in taxes and public dues and is made a legal tender for debts of all kinds. This is what gives it its value, it is what gives value to any and all money. Gold is coined into money and handed back to the owner, and hence the uncoined gold is always worth the same as the coined gold, except at remote places, where it is worth some less, because of the expense of transporting it to the mints. Why some people still hold the superstitious idea that gold is money by nature is more than we can understand, unless they haven't given the subject any serious thought. A few years ago they thought that silver was also God's money—natural money that could not fluctuate in value. Then they saw the big silver trade dollar, when it was not a legal tender, going for less than the smaller silver dollar which was a legal tender. They would have the two in their possession, rattling in the same pocket. This ought to have at least set them to thinking. Later they saw the uncoined silver go down, down in price, while the coined silver dollar, which was not redeemable in any other money, continued to be worth one hundred cents. Then they were forced to believe that silver was not natural money. But they continued to worship the golden calf. They found an excuse in their change of opinion about silver in the fact that there had been a large increase in the production of silver as compared with the production of gold. But now this excuse is gone. The production of gold has increased and that of silver decreased. Money is a certificate that may better be printed on paper than stamped on metal. The people will always be "hewers of wood and drawers of water" for a few idlers until they throw off the gold superstition.—Missouri World.

## Crop Conditions in Alabama.

The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions, covering last week, says the weather in Alabama has not been favorable for germination or growth of the cotton plant. It was too cool and too dry, except in the northern part of the state where favorable showers had fallen. The cotton is nearly all planted, but is coming up slowly. The stands are unsatisfactory, and much replanting will be necessary.

The reports received from Alabama by the New York Journal of Commerce are of a similar nature as to germination and poor stand. Warmth and moisture have been lacking. The correspondents of the Journal of Commerce say the scarcity of labor has checked the tendency to an increase in acreage, "for apparently it is not so great as in the other states." Fertilizers will, however, be freely used. Planting was started early, but low temperatures have retarded growth, and the correspondents of the Journal of Commerce are about evenly divided as to seasonal development.

The reports from Georgia and Mississippi are of a similar nature, both reporting dry, cool weather. Throughout the cotton belt planting is nearly completed, and chopping is in general progress. Stands are unsatisfactory as a rule, and replanting is under consideration in nearly every cotton state. The crop has not secured a very good start, and the expectation of a great increase in acreage will not be met. The scarcity of labor, low temperatures and droughty conditions are all pulling against a heavy gain in acreage. The conditions in Alabama fairly represent the conditions in other states, and the conditions here do not, when viewed together, point to an unusual crop.—Age-Herald.

It is said that the Democratic convention that is said to have met here some time last week, opened up things with the southern part of the county by appointing three of the defeated candidates as delegates to the State convention.

## MADE YOUNG AGAIN.

"One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each night for two weeks has put me in my 'teens' again" writes D. H. Turner of Dempscottown, Pa. They're the best in the world for Liver, Stomach and Bowels. Purely vegetable. Never gripe. Only 25c at Williams Bros. and J. W. Bundy Drug Company.

## Protection at Home for Widows and Orphans.

There is now being organized, with Columbiana as headquarters, a Shelby County Division of the Mutual Life Industrial Association of Georgia.

Dr. W. S. DuBose is named as President of this division, Mr. W. L. Farley (Cashier Columbiana Savings Bank) Secretary and Treasurer, and Dr. C. T. Acker as Medical Director.

The object of this Association is to insure the lives of men and women by mutual co-operation. Each division, when full, consists of one thousand members, and is responsible only for assessments from losses within its own division.

The cost is exceedingly small, about one fifth that of Old Line Companies, but an investigation of the plan will readily convince you that it is absolutely safe and reliable.

Since all funds are kept at home in the local bank there can be no delays in the settlement of claims.

The plan, in fact, is one of insurance at actual cost; a plan that can be easily understood and appreciated by our home people.

## The Situation as to Cotton Growing in the South.

If cotton is to be grown at all, it is the part of wisdom to take the various steps, in view of the entire conditions, to grow it well.

The time may come when the advantages of the South in relation to the growing of this great staple may be less than they are at present; but that time has not yet come, and until it does, cotton will be king in the South one of the kings of the entire farming world—at the same time that the premium will be to those who do this work in the best manner.

Certainly, nothing is ever likely to come to the South to interfere with its splendid climatic and soil resources. These are in perpetuity; and whilst it may be wise to change from cotton to some other product, an increasing population for the world must ever mean new advantages for a country with such natural resources.

The immediate problem in regard to cotton, which the South now has to solve, is not so much one of foreign competition as one of depredation from a pernicious insect. This is the topic now up for the most serious consideration in the cotton-growing States.

The present order of visit by an insect is not of so new a kind as might at first glance be supposed. Continuous use of ground for any one crop invariably leads to an outcome of this sort; for there is hardly a crop that is not specially liked and visited by some one insect; and for any single form of vegetation to be long maintained in a single spot must therefore mean the increase there of the insect with the particular preference.

This, and no more and no less, is the fact for the cotton country and the boll weevil.

The chief way of fighting the enemy in this and every similar case is by rotation of crops. In this manner the supplies required by the depredator get cut off and at the same time an enriching change of occupation is given to the ground.

A study of this insect enemy of the cotton crop shows that its depredations can be greatly reduced by early planting and the employment of a variety of cotton noted for maturing sooner than do most kinds.

Many are the ways in which the fight on this account can proceed. Fertilizers calculated to make quick maturing should be used. There should be no place in this war for the slovenly farmer who allows trash to accumulate on his place, which trash acts as harbor for the insects of the harmful class.

If a round of cropping is made in accordance with these suggestions, opportunity is not given for the permanent settlement of the farmer's insect enemies. Where no change is made from year to year every part of the farm is likely to be reached by insect enemies. Even the permanent weeds on places thus conducted—thus neglected, we should say—may be as regular starting-points from which the worst insect can go forth to become general enemies.

The idea is to rotate and thus the better fit the soil for service in man's best interest. There ought to be no resting place for man's insect enemies or for the weeds that work injury only.—Home and Farm.

## CURED HIS MOTHER OF RHEUMATISM.

"My mother has been a sufferer for many years with rheumatism," says W. H. Howard, of Husband, Pa. "At times she was unable to move at all, while at all times walking was painful. I presented her with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and after a few applications she decided it was the most wonderful pain reliever she had ever tried, in fact, she is never without it now and is at all times able to walk. An occasional application of Pain Balm keeps away the pain that she was formerly troubled with." For sale by Williams Bros.

It's funny, but the same dress that a woman tells her husband cost \$50 less than it did she tells everybody else cost \$50 more than it did.

## Free Delivery Routes.

Editor Advocate, Columbiana, Ala. Dear Sir:—We have now fifty-six rural delivery routes in the Fourth Congressional District of Alabama already established and between thirty and forty petitions pending.

It is my ambition to have one hundred routes established if possible by January the first. It is difficult to overstate the great importance of this service to our rural communities, and it is of almost as much, if not quite as much importance to the towns from which the service is originated.

I have been making an earnest effort to have a special agent in my district to investigate the pending petitions, and I now inclose you a copy of a letter from the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, which explains the delay. From this letter I infer that some time during the summer I can safely rely upon a special agent.

They claim that preference is given as far as practicable to priority of filing. In order to get this service extended to communities which do not now have it and which have no petitions pending, requests should be sent in to me as soon as possible. I will furnish any one desiring the same with all necessary blanks and information and will file the petitions promptly in the order in which they are received.

I shall make an earnest effort to have a special agent in my district in the summer to remain there until his work is finished, but in any event it will be of advantage to any community desiring this service to forward petitions just as soon as possible. With just a little more help I can have the one hundred routes established by the first of next January. Can we not put our shoulders to the wheel and get it done?

Yours very truly,  
SYDNEY J. BOWIE.

Post Office Department, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Washington, D. C., April 18, 1904.

Hon. Sydney J. Bowie, House of Representatives, Sir: Replying to your letter of the 4th instant from Anniston, Ala., urging that the pending petitions for rural free delivery service in your district be investigated, you are advised that the Department is expediting this work as rapidly as possible consistent with good service. As you are aware petitions are being taken up in their order of filing. The oldest petition in your district was filed October, 1903, and there are still pending in Alabama and other States in the Southern Division a considerable number of petitions filed previous to that time. It is hoped that work may be taken up in your district early in the coming summer.

Very Respectfully  
(Signed) J. L. Bristow,  
Fourth Assistant Postmaster General.

The masses of the people owe to the reform movement a debt of gratitude for the preservation of the greenback and the coinage of the present stock of silver dollars. What claim has either old party on the people for anything done within forty years? "Why," some one replies, "the Greenbacks and Populists never had a majority in congress. Are not the old parties entitled to the credit of saving the greenback and coining the silver?" Not entitled to a bit of credit. They did it to keep from being overthrown. The Greenback uprising caused the adoption of the Bland silver law, and the repeal of that part of the so-called resumption act that provided for the destruction of all of the greenback money. The Peoples Party uprising came near securing the free coinage of silver in 1890, when what is known as the Sherman or silver purchase law was adopted. When the Cleveland administration in 1893 repealed this law it was followed by a tremendous increase in the Populist vote, and early in '96 a tidal wave was on which looked like it would sweep the old parties from power. How this tidal wave was subdued is well known. But it is forming again.—Missouri World.

## A SURE THING.

It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs, Colds, and Whooping Cough, is a sure cure for all lung and throat troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B. VanMetre of Shepherdstown, W. Va., says "I had a severe case of Bronchitis and for a year tried everything I heard of, but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery then cured me absolutely." It is infallible for Croup, Whooping Cough, Grip, Pneumonia and Consumption. Try it. It is guaranteed by Williams Bros., and J. W. Bundy Drug Co. Trial bottles free. Reg. sizes 50c. and \$1.00.

## The World's Sugar Supply.

From the New York World. The production of beet sugar in Europe last year amounted to 5,910,000 tons. In the United States it approximated 500,000 tons. The consumption of beet and cane sugar in this country during that period was 2,670,000 tons.

The English are the greatest consumers of sugar, the amount used per inhabitant last year reaching 89.8 pounds. Large as this individual average was, it was less by eight pounds than in the two previous years. The consumption in the United States is 66.39 pounds per inhabitant. The lowest rate of consumption is in Bulgaria, where it is 6.11. In Italy it falls to 7.37 and in Spain to 10.91.

## A STARTLING TEST.

To save a life, Dr. T. G. Merritt, of No. Mehoopany, Pa., made a startling test resulting in a wonderful cure. He writes, "a patient was attacked with violent hemorrhages, caused by ulceration of the stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for acute stomach and liver troubles so I prescribed them. The patient gained from the first, and has not had an attack in 14 months." Electric Bitters are positively guaranteed for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation and Kidney troubles. Try them. Only 50c at Williams Bros. and J. W. Bundy Drug Company.

W. B. BROWNE,  
President.

W. L. FARLEY,  
Cashier.

## COLUMBIANA SAVINGS BANK.

Statement of Condition January 1, 1904.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and Discounts.	\$ 18,782.77	Capital Stock	\$15,000.00
Bank building, fixtures.	7,000.00	Deposits	52,639.61
Other Real Estate	3,000.00	Due Banks	2,263.00
Cash & with other banks	43,119.84		
Total	\$69,902.61	Total	\$69,902.61

I, W. L. FARLEY, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. L. FARLEY, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this Jan. 1st, 1904.

J. R. WHITE, Register in Chancery.

This Bank does a general Banking and Loan business. Offers depositors the same facilities as the city Banks offer. Deposits received from \$1.00 up. We solicit your business and assure you of our appreciation of the same.

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## Dog Catches Fish.

From the Allen county (Ky.) Times.

John T. Parish of Holland county, says he has a dog that can catch more fish and better fish than any man. He says that when he arises in the morning, if he feels like he could relish a fish for breakfast, he makes his ways known to his dog, and in a very short time a nice fish is in the frying pan.

Mr. Parish lives near the river, and he says he has erected a little platform on the edge of the water for his dog's use and benefit. He says the dog will perch himself on this platform and watch for his game. When a nice fish that he likes the looks of comes near enough, he dives from his perch and never fails to make a catch. During shoaling time he frequently catches two fish at a time.

## AN OPEN LETTER.

From the Chapin, S. C., News: Early in the spring my wife and I were taken with diarrhoea and so severe were the pains that we called a physician who prescribed for us, but his medicines failed to give any relief. A friend who had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy on hand gave each of us a dose and we at once felt the effects. I procured a bottle and, before using the entire contents we were entirely cured. It is a wonderful remedy and should be found in every household. H. C. Bailey, Editor. This remedy is for sale by Williams Bros.

## Potatoes Produce Light.

From the New York Tribune.

The use of potato alcohol to furnish light, heat and motive power has been developed rapidly and to a very high degree in Germany. Germany produces about 55,000,000 tons of potatoes a year, and uses for human food, stock food and starch only about 35,000,000 tons. The remainder is converted into alcohol, and used as a power-generator for both land and water motors, and for cooking, heating and lighting. The alcohol vapor is burned like gas, in chandeliers and street lamps, and gives a very bright light, in districts distant from mines it is cheaper than coal.

FOR SALE—50 gallons fine Sorghum at 40 cents per gallon; also corn and fodder at reasonable prices, and cotton and sorghum seed to let.

A. B. AND W. E. FINLEY,  
Nelson, Ala.

When a man is willing to admit he can't afford a thing it is sure proof that he can.

## Very Low and Excursion Rates Via Southern Railway and Return.

To Chicago and return Via Southern Railway.

Account General Conference A. M. E. Church Southern Railway announces rate of one fare plus 50 cents for round trip to Chicago and return. Tickets to be sold April 29th, 30th, May 1st and 2nd, limit May 10th. By depositing tickets and payment of fee of 50 cents, final limit may be extended until June 10th. For tickets and detailed information, see nearest Agent or write.

To Dallas Texas and return Via Southern Railway.

Account General Assembly Cumberland Church, Southern Railway announces rate one first class fare plus \$2.25 for the round trip to Dallas and return. Tickets to be sold May 15-18, final limit May 21st, 1904.

For detailed information, tickets etc, see nearest Agent or write.

To Pittsburg, Pa. and return Via Southern Railway.

Account Conference National Association of Manufacturers Southern Railway announces one first class fare plus 25 cents for the round trip to Pittsburg and return. Tickets to be sold May 14th, 15th, and 16th, final limit May 23rd, 1904.

For detailed information see nearest Agent or write.

To Birmingham and return Via Southern Railway.

Account Conference for Education in the South, Southern Railway announces rate of one fare plus 25 cents for round trip to Birmingham. Tickets to be sold April 25th and 26th, final limit May 6th 1904. A special train will bring the Robert C. Ogden fund of prominent educators from the east. Men of prominence from all parts of the United States are expected to participate in this conference.

For information see nearest Agent.

R. B. CREAGH, Travelling Passenger Agent Birmingham, Alabama.

J. C. Lusk, District Passenger Agent Birmingham, Alabama.

## BEST COUGH MEDICINE FOR CHILDREN.

When you buy a cough medicine for small children you want one in which you can place implicit confidence. You want one that not only relieves but cures. You want one that is unquestionably harmless. You want one that is pleasant to take. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy meets all of these conditions. There is nothing so good for the coughs and colds incident to childhood. It is also a certain preventive and cure for croup, and there is no danger whatever from whooping cough when it is given. It has been used in many epidemics of that disease with perfect success. For sale by Williams Bros.

## Iron Gray John.

I will stand him this spring season for \$8.00. Will insure colt; no colt no pay. Kind and easily managed; heavy weight. Will stand him on the Adkinson farm.

W. A. STONE.

## Announcement.

We, the many friends of John B. Dyke, after personally consulting the Republicans in Beas 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 18, and hearing from Republicans over the county and knowing him and his business ability, take pleasure in announcing him as a candidate for Circuit Clerk of Shelby county, subject to the action of the Republican party.

S. H. Collins, T. A. Adams, J. Y. Davis, H. M. Isbell, A. C. Partridge, J. N. Howard, W. G. Welton, John Fulmer, J. W. Fulmer and W. S. Fulmer.

## Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of a Fi. Fa. issued from the Chancery Court of Shelby County and to me directed, I will proceed to sell in front of the Court House door in the town of Columbiana, Ala., on the 16th day of April, 1904, within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property to-wit:

One set furniture, consisting of bedstead, bureau and dresser.

Levied upon as the property of Nal-da Curry to satisfy said Fi. Fa. in my hands in favor of J. R. White, Register in Chancery.

This 31st day of March, 1904.

R. F. COX, Sheriff.

The above sale is continued until April 25th, 1904.

R. F. COX, Sheriff.

The above sale is continued until May 2nd, 1904.

R. F. COX, Sheriff.

The above sale is continued until May 9th 1904.

R. F. Cox, Sheriff.

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## Brown Lion.

This is one of Tennessee's best production. He is one of the best Jacks that ever graced our south. He is 15 hands high, with unusually large bone and ear, and has proven himself an extra sure fold getter and fine breeder. He is quick, active and full of life and vigor, and shows a model Tennessee colt. If you are interested in raising mules don't fail to see him. Will stand this spring season at \$8.00, one mile north of the McClendon Cross Road on Dale place near Dargin, Ala.

JNO. S. EVANS, Proprietor.

## Romeo Jack.

I will stand him this Spring season at \$8.00. He is six years old, extra large joints, weight eight hundred pounds; he is kind and easily managed.

Call and see him.

R. B. JORDAN, Proprietor.

3 miles south of Shelby, Ala.

## DON JUAN, The Great I Am.

"Don Juan" was sired by "Ben Franklin," who took more premiums than any other Jack in the State of Tennessee. Was imported from Spain. "Don Juan" took first premium at last State Fair held in Birmingham, Ala. He is six years old; fourteen hands high and weighs 1200 pounds, and is full of vitality and vim. His services can be had at my lot nine miles north of Montevallo; four miles south of Helena and two miles west of Siluria, Ala.

## The Fee Will Be \$6.00 for the Season.

JAMES B. GRIFFIN

Proprietor.

## Could Not Be Better.

I find after selling Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for some time it is no use to change off for another. We don't see how it could be any better. I will try to keep it in stock all the time.

C. W. BRADY, Gale, Ind.

## WANTED—SEVERAL INDUSTRIOUS PERSONS.

Persons in each state to travel for house established eleven years and with a large capital, to call upon merchants and agents for successful and profitable line. Permanent engagement. Weekly cash salary of \$24 and all traveling expenses and hotel bills advanced in cash each week. Experience not essential. Mention reference and enclose self-addressed envelope. THE NATIONAL, 332 Dearborn St., Chicago.

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# THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

## SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

J. F. Pope, of Wilsonville, was in the city Monday.

G. W. Green, of Creswell, was in the city Saturday.

Solicitor W. R. Oliver, of Calera, was in the city Saturday.

R. A. Curden, of Farmer, served as a petit juror last week.

Miss Ida Lyons, of Shelby, visited friends here this week.

W. R. Lawley spent a few hours in Calera Monday on business.

Mrs. T. L. Seale, of Calera, visited relatives here a few days this week.

Simon Friedberger and family are keeping house on West Main street.

T. H. Watersworth, of Biltmore, N. C., is in the city visiting his family.

Miss Rossie Christian visited relatives at Shelby Monday and Tuesday.

Mayor W. B. Browne spent Wednesday in Talladega on professional business.

Ed Strickland, of the Southern Railway, is in the city visiting relatives.

L. M. Dyke made a business trip to Birmingham and Collinsville this week.

Mrs. Henry Chapman visited relatives in Montevallo several days last week.

Mrs. F. A. Thomas visited relatives over at Saginaw a few days last week.

Circuit court adjourned Saturday morning after being in session four weeks.

E. W. Burt and L. M. Dyke went down to Montevallo last Thursday on business.

F. M. Wilkins, of Gallion, Ala., spent a few days here this week with friends.

Mrs. Dr. Prescott, of Alpine, spent a few days here last week with friends.

Henry Chapman spent a part of Sunday and Monday in Montevallo with relatives.

J. B. German and wife visited relatives in Coosa county a few days last week.

A. H. Avery and wife, of Shelby, were in the city a short while Friday afternoon.

C. M. L. Fancher, R. B. Moore and J. A. Fancher, of beat 11, were in the city Tuesday.

Miss Lillian Nelson returned Friday from an extended visit to relatives in Memphis, Tenn.

Henry Chapman and wife are keeping house at the Walls residence near the Courthouse.

Ex-Gov. R. W. Cobb, of Birmingham, spent Monday and Tuesday in the city with friends.

C. L. Meroney and wife, of Montevallo, spent Sunday with the family of Mrs. M. E. Parker.

Mrs. H. G. Farrar and son, of Birmingham, visited the family of Mrs. S. J. Hammond last week.

Mrs. M. F. Johnson, of Bessemer, visited the family of J. T. Cromwell a few days this week.

Rev. W. I. Sinnott, of Tuscaloosa, filled his regular appointment at the Presbyterian church Sunday.

Mrs. H. E. Whitaker and Miss Willie Rhodes visited relatives in Montevallo a few days last week.

Deputy Sheriff H. M. Norris spent a part of Sunday and Monday at Wilton with his son, Tom.

Mrs. C. W. O'Hara and Miss Ida O'Hara returned Monday from a visit to relatives at Douglasville, Ga.

Mrs. W. F. Davis, Mrs. W. R. Rider and Miss Emma Davis spent Monday and Tuesday in Montevallo.

Mrs. T. H. Watersworth, we are sorry to state, is quite sick at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cromwell.

Mrs. Simon Friedberger and children, of Catherine, arrived in the city Sunday and will make this their future home.

Little Mattie Redding, who has been visiting relatives in the city for several weeks, returned to her home at Longview last Thursday.

Have you taken a policy with the Shelby County Division of the Mutual Life Industrial Association of Georgia? If not, why not? It is the cheapest, safest and best insurance offered today. It only cost the policy-holders of Georgia last year \$5.45 on \$1,000.

Mr. T. A. LEATHERS, Agent, Columbiana, Alabama.

## PROGRAMME

Columbiana Graded School Commencement May 8-12, 1904.

Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, Annual Sermon at the Methodist church—Dr. F. M. Peterson, of Montevallo, Ala.

Tuesday evening at eight o'clock, Literary Address—Col. E. P. Hogan, East Lake, Ala.

Wednesday evening at eight o'clock, Exercises—by class in Elocution and Physical Culture.

Thursday evening at eight o'clock, Annual Concert, Presentation and Delivery of Diplomas.

## County Court.

The following is a list of petit jurors drawn to serve at the spring term of county court, which convenes on May 16:

M. L. Dickerson, A. F. Hutchings, J. K. Elliott, J. E. Adams, J. A. Black, T. J. Coleman, J. T. Davis, E. A. Saxon, J. A. Grimes, W. A. Bennett, J. A. Baker, S. J. Harrell, L. D. West, Jim Baldwin, B. B. Alexander, A. Mooney, H. A. Wilson, J. P. Atkinson, J. J. Harper, J. H. Steel, J. G. Harris, J. M. Allen, T. M. Dennis, M. C. Vick.

## Sunday School Mass Meeting.

There will be a mass meeting of the Sunday Schools of Beat 16, held in the Methodist church at Vincent, Sunday, May 8th, at 2:30 P. M., looking to the organization of a Beat Association. All Sunday school workers and persons interested in the work are very cordially invited to attend, which includes adjoining Beats.

## Spearman-Sewell.

On last Sunday morning Mr. W. L. Spearman led Miss Ada Sewell to Hymen's altar, where they took upon themselves the solemn vows that made them sharers of each others joys and sorrows.

Promptly at 9:30 they were ushered before the awaiting guest, where a most impressive ceremony was pronounced by Rev. J. E. Sample. The bride was adorned in a lovely costume of white; while the groom was attired in a beautiful suit of gray.

The groom is the youngest son of J. M. Spearman of Weldon, Ala., he is a noble christian young man and highly esteemed among his numerous friends and associates.

The bride is a charming daughter of W. J. Sewell, a most lovely young lady, and worthy of the honors conferred upon her.

Their many friends congratulate them, and wish for them a most happy and prosperous wedded life. May their sorrows be few and joys many.

## A FRIEND.

Weldon, Ala., April 25 1904.

W. W. Wallace, Jr., is spending a few days up at Klein.

Mrs. Masterson, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Walter Morrow, returned to her home at Decatur Thursday.

Mrs. T. J. Ponder, who has been visiting the family of E. B. Nelson for some time, returned to her home at Prattville Tuesday.

The Columbiana and Shelby base ball teams crossed bats here Tuesday afternoon, and the score resulted 5 to 4 in favor of Columbiana.

Misses Ethel McMath and Ethel Farrington and Messrs Nabors and Campbell, of Montevallo, were the guests of Mrs. M. E. Parker and family Sunday.

"A Pious Fraud" was played at Shelby last Friday night by some of our young people, and we learn that they made a nice little sum for the piano fund.

Insurance adds to your estate, strengthens your credit and gives immediate relief to your family when you die. See T. A. Leathers, Shelby county's division manager, Columbiana, Ala.

We learn that J. R. White and J. H. Mason are going to build two new brick stores on their lots between the Columbiana Savings Bank and the Longshore building. The work on same will begin in a short while.

We learn that while several of our young people were attending the play, "A Pious Fraud," at Shelby on last Friday night, some person or persons had the nerve to take the lunches out of their buggies, and the young folks were sadly disappointed when they returned and found their supper had gone to parts unknown.

## Vincent.

Rain is badly needed. Health of the city good.

Mrs. A. T. Buck and children, who have been visiting the family of Eugene Williams, returned to their home in Bessemer Monday.

J. R. Dyke, of Sterrett, was in the city Monday.

The order of Odd Fellows had a grand time here Sunday. Several members from Childersburg attended the meeting, among whom were F. Moss and George Powell.

J. W. HARRIS.

## Circuit Court adjourns.

The Spring Term of the Circuit Court, after being in session four weeks adjourned Saturday. There were a number of cases disposed of during the first two weeks, and below we give the business of the court for the last two weeks, except a few cases that were continued:

The State vs. John Ray, murder in the first degree; jury and verdict manslaughter in second degree, one year imprisonment and \$500.00 fine.

The State vs. Jack Crim, murder in second degree; jury and verdict not guilty.

The State vs. Jack Crim, manslaughter; not prosed.

The State vs. James Perry, burglary and grand larceny; pleads guilty to grand larceny, and sentenced to the penitentiary for four years.

The State vs. Will Shortridge, burglary and grand larceny; sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

The State vs. Will Shortridge, grand larceny; pleads guilty and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

The State vs. Heywood McCoy, murder; jury and verdict guilty of murder in the second degree and sentenced to fourteen years in the penitentiary.

The State vs. Larkin Johnson, murder; jury and verdict guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to death. The 17th of June was set for the day of the execution.

The State vs. Bud Shultz, murder; jury and verdict manslaughter in the first degree and one year imprisonment.

The State vs. Jim Storrs, assault with intent to murder; jury and verdict not guilty.

The State vs. Phillip Smith, assault with intent to murder; jury and verdict guilty as charged in the indictment and sentenced to four years in the penitentiary.

The State vs. Will Johnson, arson in the second degree; not prosed.

The State vs. Will Johnson, burglary and grand larceny; jury and verdict guilty under second count and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

The State vs. George Robertson, assault with intent to murder; jury and verdict not guilty.

The State vs. Will Thomas, burglary; not prosed.

The State vs. Grant Posey, rape; jury and verdict as charged in the indictment and sentenced twenty years to the penitentiary.

## Programme.

Memorial services to be held at Bethlehem church, Saturday, and Sunday, May 7th and 8th 1904.

SATURDAY 10 A. M. Devotional Exercises—N. A. Henzlet, of Fayetteville, Ala. Welcome Address—A. H. Merrell.

Object of the Memorial Service—A. P. Longshore. Singing and Marching to the cemetery. Decorating the graves. Dinner.

3 P. M.

The Resurrection—Rev. T. M. Nelson.

Sunday 9 A. M.—Singing.

11 A. M. Sermon—by Rev. J. A. Davis.

Everybody is cordially invited to come and bring well filled baskets. G. D. BALDWIN, A. H. MERRELL, J. C. WILLIAMS, Committee.

## Reflections of a Bachelor.

FROM THE NEW YORK PRESS.

A girl is never too thin to dress as if she weren't.

A man can always fool his wife by telling her the truth.

A woman can stand reflections on her honor, and even her beauty, much better than on her clothes.

The servant problem is not only how to keep those you want, but to get rid of those you don't want.

It's just the irony of fate to have the furnace want to draw like a whirlwind in the warming weather.

It's a great shock to a man to find how light a woman can be with one of those balloon shirt waists on.

When a woman says she hasn't a rag fit to wear it's a sign her next door neighbor has bought a new gown.

A woman gets very disappointed in a husband she doesn't think some other woman is trying to steal away from her.

From the way a woman acts when she goes out in a new spring hat you'd think she was scorching in a big red automobile.

When a mother is proud of the cake her daughter can make, the daughter is not likely to be proud of the bread her mother makes.

The man who takes it as a matter of course to lose \$50 on a horse race thinks it is highway robbery to lose \$5 on a poor relation.

## South Harpersville.

M. A. Jennings, of Vincent, was in our community on business Friday last.

George Weathers transacted business up at Vincent one day last week, so he says.

D. W. Sharbutt went up to Calais Thursday on business, and never said a word about it.

William Weathers, of Klein, spent Friday here with his mother, Mrs. I. C. Shrader.

W. J. Maddox visited relatives and friends at Weldon Saturday last.

Miss Ada Sullivan, of Yellow Leaf, spent Saturday night and Sunday here with her sister, Mrs. Era Maddox.

J. E. Mahan the roadplow man is in this beat fixing the roads so our boys can take our girls buggy riding, (if we have any) this summer.

Russel Sisk transacted business at Vincent Sunday afternoon.

Rev. B. C. Hughes, of Weldon, will preach at Wheeler's school house next Sunday. Lets go and hear Bro. Hughes as he is a fine orator indeed.

We learn that quite a crowd from here are going to attend the singing at Fourmile next Sunday. We wish for them a nice time.

Quite a crowd from here attended divine worship at Vincent Sunday, and reported a nice time.

John Macon paid Calais a flying trip Saturday last so he told us.

J. W. Sharbutt and family, of Creswell, spent Saturday and Sunday here with Mrs. Sharbutt's parents.

Ed Cosper and family, near Creswell, passed through town Saturday afternoon enroute to Weldon, where they go to visit relatives.

The concert at Harpersville Friday night was a grand success and enjoyed by all present.

Rev. Mr. Smith, of Howard College, preached a very interesting sermon at Harpersville Saturday at 11 A. M.

There is to be an all day singing and no dinner on the ground at Wheeler's school house next Sunday.

Our farmers are having the blues here of late. They complain of getting no stand of cotton owing to the cool weather we have had.

Justin C. Jackson and brother, Henry, of Wilsonville, passed through town Saturday afternoon in an automobile. It was a sight for us, "kaze we never seed narnie afore."

The way one of our boys goes above Vincent, there will be a Mrs. B. before long. How about it Rinnie?

We have been requested to state that there will be an all day singing and dinner on the ground at Taylor Camp's school house near J. M. Baldwins on Yellow Leaf creek the first Sunday in June next.

Sunday was a long day for us sure, we had to stay at home all day long, we do wish our people would have a Sunday school or some kind of service.

Tony Daniels spent Saturday night and Sunday at Wilsonville with his parents.

We notice here of late that cattle are getting awful fat on the range. Seems like they are doing better this spring than usual.

Well, I know I've weared the patients of Job out of the Editor trying to read this local. So I will close for this time.

HARPERSVILLE NEWS CO., WILD BILL, Secretary.

## "Dogwood Items."

Mr. M. E. Woolley and Miss Etta Ozley, of this place, were happily married at the Baptist church on the 24th day of April. The groom is quite a nice entergetic young man, and will very likely be one of the most important men of our community. The bride is one of the most exquisite young ladies of this community and will doubtless make an excellent wife.

Rev. T. M. Nelson, of Columbiana, delivered a most excellent and important sermon at the Baptist church on the 24th day of April.

Oscar Harrison, of Garnsey, was here on April 24th, visiting relatives and friends.

Frank Harper, Harry Nabors and Ed Swinley, of Gurnee, spent Sunday in town April 24th.

Miss Minnie Harrison and little niece, Mattie Lee, of Birmingham, are in town.

Luther Eddings, of Ebenezer, was here Sunday among friends.

J. D. Galloway and wife, of Maylene, attended church here on April 24th.

We hope that every voter in Shelby county will have a good chance to see the county records, and then think over the false reports that have been circulated as to the financial condition of the county. And as to the road machinery being bought by the Commissioner's.

T. A. T. E.

## Dargin.

Weather dry and dusty. Sunday school well attended Sunday.

Rev. John Crowson preached at Dargin Sunday.

Russell Leonard, of Campbranch, attended services at Dargin Sunday.

J. G. Frost, of Spring Creek, attended services here Sunday.

Rev. C. A. Millstead and Jasper Holcombe, of Calera, were up Sunday to hear Bro. Crowson.

Sydney Lynch, of Lynch, was in town Sunday.

S. B. Strickland, of Ebenezer, passed through Tuesday enroute to Columbiana.

Josh Crim, J. T. and S. C. Frost passed through last Tuesday going to Columbiana.

R. E. Powers, H. B. Nabors, T. M. Duncan and several others went to Columbiana Thursday in the interest of the Dargin school district.

M. S. Wilson passed through Saturday enroute to Calera.

Prof. W. S. McEwen went over to Spring Creek Sunday afternoon.

Miss M. A. Teague, of Campbranch, was visiting in our town Tuesday.

John Wyatt passed through one day last week bound for Columbiana.

John Roach, of Campbranch, went to Montevallo last Tuesday.

John Murphy went to Clanton last Thursday to visit relatives.

Prentiss Murphy and wife, of Clanton, is visiting his fathers family, John Murphy.

Buffalo Bill saw Old Skew Ball last week, he said he had worked so hard and chewed so much "ter-backer" that his nerves was out, of "whack," but we hope to hear from him again soon.

Well, you can hear the Democrate whisper, "it is going to be a close race. When you hear them talk that way you may know they are weary; but their weariness will come to a climax in November when their names will be "Dennis" in box car letters.

Success to the Advocate and the old Peoples Party.

## BUFFALO BILL AND CO.

## Dyke's Mill.

Rev. W. I. Brasher filed his regular appointment at this place Sunday.

John Wilder passed through this place Thursday.

Young Davis and J. Wilder made a flying trip to Birmingham Thursday night.

Mrs. Byers and J. M. Byers and family, of Sterrett, visited in these parts Saturday and Sunday.

George Howard was the guest of Miss Alice Hambricht Sunday.

Quite a number of people from Sterrett and Vandiver attended preaching here Sunday.

Young Davis, Charley Richey, Amos Spradley, Jim Davis, Jack Bradshaw and George Howard were stirring out among the fair sex Sunday.

There has been some marrying among our young folks. Ben Brown to Miss Della O'Barr; Ingram Cashatt to Miss Mary Weldon, Luther Whitfield to Miss Ella Isbell, Jack Cox to Miss Dora Isbell.

The music school at Sterrett was vacated last week owing to the teacher going to get married.

We understand that Billie went to talk to his old sweetheart and she told him, no sir; and he went off singing, and then my troubles will be over.

## TAR HEELS.

## Lynch.

Rev. J. D. Martin, of Centreville, preached an interesting sermon at Mt. Era Sunday night.

J. W. Shaw, of Weldon, was a welcome visitor in our community last week.

Quite a number of our people attended the Sunday school association at Mt. Chapel and report a grand time.

John M. Dye transacted business at Columbiana Monday.

R. J. Farr made a business trip to Columbiana Friday.

Miss Nancy Dye left Monday for Redlawn, where she has a music class.

Miss Clara Shaw, of Weldon, is here studying music.

There will be a childrens day at Mt. Era on the 24th Sunday in June.

A good warm rain and sunshine would be greatly appreciated by all.

Mrs. W. H. Farr visited relatives on Waxahatchie last week.

## AGRICOLA.

It's funny how natural it would be if a girl had never seen a man in her life, to act the first time she met one as if he were the eleven hundredth that had tried to marry her.

## Redlawn.

Weather warm and fair. We are needing rain very much in these parts.

Clyde Cross spent a few pleasant hours at Lewis Sunday evening.

W. J. Sewell passed through our midst one day last week.

Charlie Spearman, who has been visiting his brother in Texas, has returned home and reports a pleasant time.

Frank Dodson spent Saturday night and Sunday with homefolks.

Frank Lyon and wife spent Saturday evening and Sunday with the family of Mrs. Ray.

Mrs. Robert Nolen, of East Saginaw, is visiting relatives here.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Spearman on the 27th inst., a boy.

J. W. Walton, of Yellow Leaf, was on Fourmile last week.

C. W. Stamps, of Wilsonville, visited the family of A. F. Clinkscales last week.

O. W. Horton and wife passed through our community one day last week enroute to Columbiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley made a special trip to S. J. Spearman's Sunday.







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## THE RAT.

### A Tale of the "Third Degree."

By J. RAMSEY REESE.

The chief of the detectives sat alone in Mulberry street. From behind the green swinging door which led from his private office to the assembly room and the Rognes' Gallery he could hear a rumble of voices while the detective sergeants talked over the crooks who had been "stood up" at roll call for identification and future remembering. The system of memories at Police Headquarters is primary, but undeniably effective.

He could even distinguish the click of the brass catches as some one searching through the "gallery" unloosened panel after panel of the hinged wall photograph album. The chief's brows were contracted and he pulled at his beard. He had not been heard of the Central Office for many months, and, besides, he was alone and might allow himself momentary relaxation of feature forbidden him in the presence of his subordinates, who must be impressed with an official front.

It was annoying—worse than annoying—it was dangerous. The murder was a week old, and already the newspapers were in full cry over the inefficiency of the department. He knew that the Detective Bureau was expected to "make good." And "making good" meant making arrests. If the situation had not been a desperate one he would not have ordered the bringing in The Rat the night before. Warren and Murphy had taken him in McTurk's, with the Sing Sing cell chalk still in his face. He had not been out six weeks, and he was very drunk. And so the Rat had been taken, and the chief of the detectives had sent across the street to say that reporters might call at four and be told how the mystery had been solved. He sighed heavily as he reflected, for the Detective Bureau was more to be desired than a precinct. And he had been long enough in uniform to relish the privilege of wearing citizens' clothes, to say nothing of having his picture printed in the newspapers a great many times, with as true remarks upon crime which he frequently distributed, neatly typewritten.

He looked at his watch. It was half after three. There he leaned forward in his chair and touched an electric desk button. A uniform sergeant responded. The chief nodded. "Harry," he said, "bring in The Rat."

The green door opened and closed, and opened again as The Rat entered. He slouched half way across the room, and, turning, glared at the chief, who said "Good morning" affably enough and pointed to a chair placed so that the light from the courtyard would strike the face of its occupant fairly.

His appearance did not belie his title—this man—The Rat. He was a sharp featured, stunted creature, with thin hair the grew far down upon his neck and clustered about his eyes, which were set strangely close together. His mouth lacked the curve of expression, without which no mouth is human; and the upper lips was so short that it gave one the impression of being continually drawn back in an ugly sneer. Not a pleasant spectacle to dwell upon was The Rat.

The chief looked at him hungrily. "If I could only make him hungry for it," he thought, "it would be the prettiest sort of a story. He looks the part. The papers would print diagrams of his head, and sent women reporters to write about inherited criminal instinct. It would square me for six months." This is what the chief thought. What he said was, "So you've come back to us, eh?"

The Rat swore. "Cut that out," said the chief, pleasantly. "You're sober now. We're only holding you till you tell us where you were Tuesday night. That's all. They found 'Dutch' Gallagher over on Crystal Square early Wednesday morning. There was a knife and a red handkerchief, Rat. These!" With a quick movement the chief whipped the knife and handkerchief from the top drawer of his desk and held them towards the prisoner. But The Rat was emotionless. He looked at the detective and the objects he held in his hand. There was no surprise or fright, only hatred in his gaze.

The chief leaned over the desk. His voice was soft and almost appealing. It came from between his lips that were well-nigh locked, and he touched The Rat's arm. "It's silk with a bloodstain."

The prisoner swore again—comprehensively. "I ain't afraid of your third degree," he snarled. "Bring it along. I know it's coming. They told me all about it up the river. There's a greengrocer man up there in tier 7, named Burke. He works in the bakehouse because he ain't no good on the stone piles. He's got one side of his face stove in, and three fingers twisted together where two of your wardmen give him the jitsu turn. You hired a stoopidplegion to squeal on him, and because he wouldn't split on a pal, you done him." The man's voice rose to a half scream. "You done him," he howled, "just as you'll do me."

"Don't be a fool," said the chief gently. There were beads of perspiration on his brow. He would have liked to beat in the face of the sudden creature in front of him. But instead he purred to him. "This was different, Rat," he said wheedlingly. "Gallagher was drunk. You know he was always ugly when he was drunk. There was fight. He was going to kill you, and you killed him. You killed him—

in self-defence. You understand—in self-defence."

The Rat leered openly. "Doyers street fr you," he chuckled with a cunning look. "Doyers street and the long pipe dreams."

The chief threw himself back in his chair, disgustedly. The electric fan whirled upon the shelf above his head, fluttering the loose desk papers, and twisting away the coarse red looks about The Rat's forehead. Otherwise it was very still, and it was also very warm. They had taken the bracelets of the prisoner, and he sat twiddling his greasy felt hat between uncertain thumbs. The chief chewed an unlighted cigar and walked to the open window. As he stood gazing gloomily down into the gray courtyard, there came the sudden flourishing notes of a street piano, playing to the urchins from Mott street on the strip of asphalt beyond. He could hear the echo of the happy children's voices while they flocked to the music box. He knew just how it looked, although the dirty brick wall hid it from him.

There was the smiling-faced Italian girl with the tambourine, gathering the nickels from the idlers strung precariously along the iron basement railing, watching the dancing. Even the nurses from St. Barnabas's Home next door were peeping appreciatively out of the downstairs windows. The piano was finishing the final bars of the intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana," left over from the last stopping place on Elizabeth street. The chief wondered why.

Then here was a quick pause as the man at the crank turned the change stop, and a gay waltz tune floated over the brick wall into the courtyard. By the shrill little cries of delight that followed it, the chief knew the children were dancing. He turned away from the window dejectedly. The piano rasped upon his nerves. As he turned he saw the Rat sitting upon the edge of the chair, his head raised towards the sound of the playing, and swaying to the echoing rhythm. The chief stared for an instant and then slid softly into his seat behind the desk, as the street piano rippled:

"There's just one girl in the world for me."

Only one girl has my sym-pa-thee. She's not so very pretty, nor yet of high degree, But there's just one girl in this world for me."

The Rat was mumbling to himself and smiling as if he were remembering something pleasant. His lips were curled back to the gums, and his enjoyment was not edifying, and when his gaze wandered past that of the chief, the head of the Detective Bureau knew that it penetrated the gray cartridge paper of the wall behind him, and knew, too, that The Rat's mood was far flung. The man was still jerking his head with the staccato tempo of the piano.

"Coney. Coney and two camp-stools on the deck by the dago fiddlers both ways," he muttered. He said it aloud, but it was as if he were talking to himself. The chief's hand moved towards the electric push-button and then paused irresolute. The outpouring notes of the street piano trickled like cool water through the room closeness.

"Coney in the summertime," repeated The Rat vacuously. "It's God's own country. Coney fr me of a Sunday afternoon wit' the sunshine and the trolleys jamful 'S the limit, what!" He swelled out his sparrow chest proudly towards the playing: "S the limit," he chuckled. "Wit' a shine and a new celluloid rim on and nickel stogie in yer transom, yer on fr yer money, and yer it. Say, I've danced in Stauch's wit' Mame."

The Rat's voice softened almost imperceptibly, but the chief caught the change and gripped the sides of his chair, breathing irregularly as if afraid to break the spell.

"There was a job of dishwashin' at the Tivoli; six plunks comin' reglar every week wit' now and then a small pick in the pool room over the Volks Garden. I was wearin' real clothes and I made good. It was me swell front what won out wit' Mame. I wasn't pretty, but me front sent me home in a canter. And Mame wasn't no chowder party pal. She'd a mem'ry overnight and a good eye fr a white man. And the man what says she was struck on 'Dutch' Gallagher's a liar."

"There's just one girl in this world for me," rippled the piano from outside, with a final burst of treble. Then the music ceased suddenly with the hollow knock the lid of a box makes when it is let fall. And at the sound, The Rat's head drooped upon his breast again.

The chief's right hand crept slowly to the pencil tray and crawled a few words upon a piece of paper which he gently tore from a yellow pad. "Keep the Guiney playing. Don't let him stop," the pencil traced. He looked furtively at The Rat. The little man's head was still sunken upon his soiled waistcoat, and he did not notice when the other tipped to the green door and thrusting a hand out beyond, tipped back again to the desk, waiting. The renewed tinkle of the piano floated into the courtyard, and the detective smiled as he distinguished the tune. It was the refrain of a sentimental ballad, which made the audience at Tony Castor's applaud wet-eyed. The chief had watched them do it more than once. So he stared at

the shrunken man before him expectantly. Seems to me it sounded like the birds at play.

Darling, Sue, dear, don't believe I'm chafing. Bless your heart, I love you in the same old way."

Slowly The Rat raised him from his lethargy. His bent shoulders quivered, and he was no longer the huddled heap in the chair, inert and limp. Up went his head as he listened—up, until his gaze met that of the chief.

"Look here," he said hoarsely. "He let her starve. He let her starve on the top floor of a Cannon street tenement. I wasn't wise to it up the river. I wasn't wise to it. I kept hammering away on a Sing Sing stone pile, thinkin' he was lookin' after her. Why, I believed him square. It was stripes and the stone pile fr me, and fr him the Bowerly of a Saturday night wit' the east come-on ready waitin' on the pavement."

"He come ter see me in the Tombs before they took me up. 'I'll look after Mame, s'elp me,' he said. And wit' that I horsed the deputies in the smokin' car and give me pedigree in the warden's office like the real thing. I thought 'Dutch' was right. The calendar ain't turning like no roulette wheel up at Sing Sing. But it went a heap faster wit' the letters from 'Dutch' what give Mame's love at the end. Mame didn't write. She wasn't no scholar. And how was I to know that 'Dutch' was lyin'?"

The Rat halted waveringly. But the piano refrain sent him plunging on. "They took me good conduct time off and I got me ticket of leave. And I was fr the home route wit' a new suit of paper clothes and me stone-pile cuss in 'em. I hadn't let 'em know I was comin'."

"I got ter Cannon street. I meets Sweeney, the janitor, on the top of the stoop, after rushin' the can. 'Fifth floor?' I asks, thinkin' maybe Mame had moved. Sweeney eyes me and says, 'We're you handin' me?' 'Mame Gilligan, you mutt,' I says, and pushin' past him made as if ter go upstairs."

"Sweeney crossed himself, and wit' that I knowed there was somethin' gone wrong. It struck me cold before he spoke, and I've never felt warm since—'but once.' The Rat's yellow teeth rasped against one another like a terrier worrying a bone. He went on thickly.

"'Didn't they put you next?' says Sweeney. 'Next ter what?' I asks. 'Mame Gilligan's dead in Bellevue these six months' he says."

The Rat put one hand to his head painfully. "When Sweeney says that 'somethin' busted in here," he said, "I've been gone a bit in me nut ever since, but not too much gone fr findin' 'Dutch' Gallagher. Why, a dog wouldn't have treated Mame the way he'd done it. She'd been starved."

The ambulance doctor what come when Sweeney found her senseless in the hall said she hadn't ben eatin' enough fr weeks. 'Dutch' had left her. She'd hooked everything she had except the ring I'd bought her. They buried her wit' that on. He'd been writin' to me and sendin' me Mame's love after she was dead, and he knowed it. I'd been doing the time fr both of us, and he'd let Mame starve."

Calmly The Rat's hand went out to where the knife lay upon the desk by the stained handkerchief. The chief did not stop him. His breath was coming and going in little puffs, and his mouth was trembling at the corners, as if he were trying to be very calm and found it hard work. The Rat took up the knife as he might have grasped a friendly old pipe. He crooked his fingers about the handle and weighed the blade in his grasp. It was all mechanically, jerkily done.

"He was a dealin' fair in a brace game on Fourteenth street," he said. "I waited fr him that night. And when I seen him leave I followed him. When he got to Chrystie street I was wit' him, but he didn't know it. I sneaked up them stairs behind him quiet as death, and when I turned around at the top landin' ter look by the gaslight if anyone was followin', I seen Mame walkin' up after me and pointin' toward 'Dutch' on ahead, and I knowed then I was doin' what was right."

The Rat's voice wavered for the moment. His lips parted drily, and he licked them with a swollen tongue. It was as if he were going on. Then, of a sudden, there came the hollow sound of the street piano stop, as the Italian at the crank changed tunes. The chief started to his feet with a smothered curse. In through the open window crept the music:

"Break the news to mother. Just tell her I love her."

Like one startled from an awful dream, The Rat shivered and rolled his eyes in a quick effort to find their true focus. His stare fell upon the face of the eager watcher, and then upon his own hands with the open knife. Outside, the street piano wailed industriously. The detective met his rush with the heavy nickel butt of the telephone receiver fair upon the forehead.

From behind the green swinging doors rushed two in uniform. They looked from the unconscious man to the chief, who was tugging at his beard with his arms crossed. "And the papers will say we gave him the 'Third Degree,'" he said smiling vaguely.

To a little group in the room came the incessant vox humana of the street hurdy-gurdy.

"Take him out," said the chief shortly. "He'll be all right in an hour." And for God's sake stop that piano."—New York Post.

## NEWS OF THE WAR

### The Japanese Have Blocked Port Arthur

Vice Admiral Togo's official recital of the latest engagement off Port Arthur shows that the Japanese have blocked the entrance to the harbor. On Tuesday morning after the blocking flotilla had been scattered by a gale and the commander of the flotilla had signalled the attempt be abandoned, the crews of the separate ships, not daunted by the weather, proceeded to the work on their own initiative. Five of the Japanese blocking ships were jammed into the inner channel and prevented egress from the harbor to all excepting small boats. Although Togo avoided damage to a single one of his vessels the attack proved to be expensive in lives.

Port Arthur is cut off from all communication by land, the Japanese having disembarked in its rear, occupied the railroad and cut the telegraph. Vice Admiral Skrydloff, who is en route to Port Arthur to take command of the naval forces in the far east, will be unable to reach his destination.

General Kuropatkin has sent the following telegram under date of May 7th: "Lieutenant General Zassaltch reports that the enemy's cavalry and units of their advance guard occupied Feng Wang Cheng today. Our cavalry and units withdrew towards Schlinja Jang."

The Japanese legation has received the following dispatch dated May 8th: "General Kuropatkin, commandant of the First army corps, reports that on May 6th our cavalry detachment dispersed the enemy at Feng Wang Cheng, which was immediately occupied by our infantry detachment. The enemy burned ammunition before evacuating the stronghold. Natives say that the number of Russians who were carried on litters through Feng Wang Cheng on May 2d amounted to eight hundred. It is believed that the total casualties of the enemy exceeded three thousand."

The Russian admiralty expects to be able to continue communication with Port Arthur in spite of cutting off of the telegraph line. Masts for use in wireless telegraphy have been erected at the fortress. Trained carrier pigeons also were sent to Port Arthur some time ago. The admiralty is in possession of specific information to the effect that the harbor of Port Arthur is open.

It is reported that the Japanese have captured Dalny, and that the Russians are leaving New Chwang. The Japanese captured Feng Wang Cheng on Friday. It was the second line of the Russian defense.

The casualties in the last attempt of the Japanese fleet to block Port Arthur, May 3d, are one commander and six men killed; four men seriously and five officers and eleven men slightly wounded, fourteen officers and seventy-four men missing.

A Russian report says: "Our losses of April 30th and May 1st altogether amounted to seventy superior and sub-altern officers and 2,322 men killed, wounded or taken prisoners. Of this total, 1,081 were left on the battlefield, but it is not known whether they were killed or wounded. It was absolutely impossible to bring away the guns and machine guns."

Grand Duke Cyril, eldest son of Grand Duke Vladimir, and a cousin of the emperor, has returned to St. Petersburg from the far east. The first announcement made by Grand Duke Cyril on his arrival was that he intended to return to the far east with the Russian Baltic squadron.

It is reported as certain that Vice-roy Alexieff will be recalled at the instance of Vice Admiral Skrydloff and General Kuropatkin, and that the czar's cousin, Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolaievitch, will replace him.

### Following Same Tactics.

The Japanese have followed practically their plans in the China-Japanese war. They have crossed the Yalu at the same place and landed on the Tiao Tung peninsula at the same point. During the China-Japanese war the Japanese captured Port Arthur two weeks after their disembarkation on the peninsula.

### A World's Record.

Good records were made by the Iowa's guns in the annual target practice just completed at Pensacola. The Iowa's 12-inch guns made 42 shots and 34 hits. One 12-inch made 11 shots and 11 hits. This equals the record made by the British ship Ocean in 1902, when she broke the world's record, and in the case of the Iowa the record is all the more creditable because her guns are of old type.

Owing to some misunderstandings between the Tennessee company and the Alabama Steel and Wire company, the rod mill did not resume operations as was expected.

Duncan and Birdie Case assaulted Philip Cosminsky, of the Mobile Herald, knocking him down and beating him. Both were arrested. Duncan Case is the son of the chief of police of Mobile. Some days ago Cosminsky brought charges against the chief of police before the mayor, alleging that he insulted him and ordered him from the police station.

Mobile has been selected as the place for holding the next convention of the T. P. A., Alabama division.

## ARRESTS OF OFFICERS

### Of the Mississippi Debenture Company Have Been Made.

The federal grand jury which adjourned Friday night brought in indictments against the officers of the Mississippi Debenture Company, which has been operating for some years at Jackson, Miss. Those indicted were: A. V. Smith, secretary; C. P. King, vice president; Jackson; J. W. Hughes, president; Louisville; S. H. Abbey, Crystal Springs, former president, and L. O. Robbins, of New Orleans, former vice president. Messrs. Smith, King and Abbey were arrested by United States marshals and put under a \$5,000 appearance bond. The indictments were found on the testimony of a number of persons who alleged that they have been paying money into the concern which has not lived up to its contracts. Some days ago the Mississippi Debenture Company was thrown into the hands of a receiver on application of a New Orleans bondholder.

The Mississippi Debenture Company was started by people some six years ago, but when the debenture companies were driven out of Louisiana the Mississippi company took up the business of the Louisiana Debenture Company. The arrests have created some what of a sensation.

The company, which had a large number of bondholders, had only six hundred dollars in assets, so the receiver appointed by the state courts reports.

### Panama Will Invest \$6,000,000 in American Securities.

Jose Euseby Morales and Ricardo Arias have been appointed by President Amador a special commission to receive the \$6,000,000 which the government of Panama is to invest in American securities. Morales and Arias will sail for New York this week.

### The Largest Warrant.

On Saturday Secretary Shaw, of the treasury, signed a warrant for \$40,000,000, which will be delivered to J. P. Morgan & Co. as disbursing agents of this government on account of the Panama canal purchase. The warrant is dated May 9th. This warrant is many times larger than any warrant ever before issued by this government. The largest sum previously covered by a single government warrant was for \$7,200,000, paid to Russia in 1863 on account of the Alaskan purchase.

### Russia Will Exhibit.

A cablegram received from St. Petersburg says that Russia will make an exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase exposition. Russia before the war with Japan had planned to be represented at the fair, but decided to abandon its proposed exhibit. The dispatch telling of Russia's decision caused surprise to the exposition officials. The Russians will take 20,000 square feet in the varied industries building, and will also be represented in liberal and fine arts.

### A Foot of Hail.

A hail storm at Welsh, La., May 5th lasted thirty minutes and was so thick that drifts twelve inches deep were formed. All the glass in a passenger train was broken. About 50 per cent of the windows of residences were broken and there were heavy damages to goods.

There was six inches of water in the streets. No news has come from the country, but it is feared there has been a very heavy loss to the rice farmers.

A party of 150 students from the Southern Female college at West Point, Miss., are at the world's fair, conducted by Professor Eshman, president of the college. They will remain in St. Louis two weeks.

A bill has been introduced by Representative Adams of Pennsylvania limiting to 80,000 the number of immigrants that may be yearly received from any one country.

It is reported that \$500,000 has been raised for the statue of McKinley, and plans for the memorial will soon be decided upon by the association.

The treasury department sent a warrant for \$50,874 in favor of the state of Texas, that being the amount appropriated at the last session of congress for the state for expenses incurred in maintaining a civil government in Greer county. That county is now a part of Oklahoma.

At Progresso, Yucatan, a house has been raided by the police, who captured two Americans by the name of Ford and Williams, who were caught manufacturing counterfeit money. A large quantity of material was found in one room, where operations had been in full activity.

Chicago reports an average of 266 violent deaths per month.

The grown cotton crop is to be counted by the census bureau at the signs on September 1st, October 18th, November 14th, December 13th, January 16th and March 10th. If the picking is begun early Director North proposes to issue an additional report between September 1st and October 18th.

The Louisville and Nashville railroad is contemplating making extensive improvements to its terminal facilities at New Orleans.

## JOURNALIST DEAD

### Lucian Julian Walker Passed Away Saturday

Lucien Julian Walker died of heart failure early Saturday morning after a short illness. Mr. Walker had been in poor health for several months past, but his condition did not become alarming until Tuesday. Mr. Walker was about 43 years of age. He was associated at one time with Governor Jelks on the Eufaula Times.

Early in the eighties Mr. Walker secured a department clerkship in Washington, and in 1885 Mr. Cleveland appointed him consul to Dunfermline, Scotland. He filed the office for nearly five years and in 1893 Mr. Cleveland sent him as consul to Cork. He remained there about a year after Mr. Cleveland retired from the presidency.

### At Anniston Next.

Anniston was decided upon as the convention city for the seventy-fourth annual session of the Episcopalian council and May 9 as the date.

Grace church, of Anniston, made the council a proposition to turn over to them the Noble institute, provided they would endow same with \$50,000, with the understanding that same should be used as a state school for young ladies. Quite a discussion ensued, after which it was decided to try to raise \$1,000 by the first of January, this amount to be expended in making an effort in getting the \$50,000.

### Fatally Injured.

R. L. Martin, a young white man, fell from a Western of Alabama railway train and sustained injuries which will prove fatal.

LATER—R. L. Martin, the young man who was run over by the Western of Alabama train and thought to be fatally injured, has a chance for his life. The injury was a frightful one, the left leg being crushed so that the surgeons upon reaching the wounded man clipped the leg from the body with a pair of scissors. He may after all pull through, though the doctors will not hold out any encouragement.

### Paint Mills Burned.

Fire destroyed the Birmingham paint mills, the stock of that company and partially the building and plant of Beatty Bros., machinists, Sunday afternoon in Birmingham. The total loss, it is estimated, will be more than \$55,000, with about \$39,000 insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown, but the entire building filled with paints, varnishes and other combustibles was completely enveloped in flames five minutes after the fire started.

### Peculiar Accident.

Herman, the 8-year-old son of John Wagon, of East Gadsden, happened to a peculiar and painful accident while driving the cows home. Boy-like he had hold of the cow's tail when the cow made a run for home with the boy holding on. He was thrown against a rail fence and one end of a fence rail stuck into his left thigh. He was thrown with such force as to drive the end of the rail into the flesh to the bone.

### Accidentally Shot.

J. Wolfe, a young white man of 20, was accidentally shot near Cardiff while hunting. The bullet circled around the brain inside the skull. Half of the bullet was found inside the head, while the other piece came out nearly opposite where it entered. It is almost impossible for him to recover.

Secretary of State E. R. McDevitt has appointed Harry Shorter, of Eufaula, to be deputy insurance commissioner, and reappointed A. C. Sexton private secretary to the secretary of state.

Arrangements are being made by the Huntsville chapter Daughters of the Confederacy, for the erection of a monument to the memory of Confederate soldiers. More than \$2,000 has been secured for the purpose by the concentrated efforts of the ladies during the past two or three years, and a contract for the monument will be let at an early date.

### Struck the Tank.

At Tuscaloosa, while trying to steal a ride, Oliver Martin was struck by the water tank which rendered him unconscious for a long while. So severe was the blow that Martin's skull was fractured, but it is thought that he will recover.

It cost B. B. Comer \$10,522.80 to be nominated for the presidency of the Alabama railroad commission, \$3,332.25 being for stamps. John V. Smith spent \$3,357. O. W. Underwood spent \$150 to be nominated for congress.

It has been definitely decided not to hold a state fair in Montgomery this fall.

Richard H. Taylor has received the naval medal for gallant service. Taylor, when quartermaster on the Nipsic, in the disaster at Apia, Samoa, that sent his boat with the Vandalla and the Trenton to the bottom, distinguished himself in company with two others who got medals of honor. But in some odd shuffle of the files of the war department Taylor's name and war were lost, mislaid or strayed from the premises.

## New Southern Industries.

ALABAMA.  
Anniston—Broom factory.  
Birmingham—Machine shops.  
Decatur—Lumber company.  
Gadsden—Furniture; \$12,000 stove and heading mill.  
Talladega—\$100,000 phosphate and guano factory.

FLORIDA.  
Jacksonville—\$100,000 fertilizer factory.

Tallahassee—\$300,000 land and turpentine company.

GEORGIA.  
Atlanta—Foundry and machine shops.

Augusta—Oil company.  
Cuthbert—Ice factory.

Pendergrass—\$15,000 oil mill.  
Pooler—\$15,000 brick works.

Savannah—\$100,000 investment company.

Statesboro—Electric light plant.  
Thomson—\$25,000 water works and electric light plant.

Turnerville—Saw mill.  
Waycross—Planing mill; variety works.

LOUISIANA.  
Abbeville—Rice mill.

Mansfield—\$50,000 oil mill.  
Maringouin—\$6,000 cotton gin.

Welsh—Oil company.  
Whitecastle—Woodworking plant.

MISSISSIPPI.  
Clarksdale—\$10,000 cold storage plant.

Hattiesburg—\$50,000 cracker factory.

Laurel—Telephone system.

TENNESSEE.  
Dickson—\$5,000 brick works.

Edgewood—Brick works.  
Huntington—\$6,000 tobacco factory.

Springfield—\$35,000 water works and electric light plant.

### Will Ply the Coosa.

Captain E. G. LaFollette has organized the Coosa River Transportation Company, and will commence at once the active construction of a boat to ply the Coosa river in the interest of Gadsden. The boat will be modern and substantial and will be one hundred and twenty-five feet long with a twenty-six foot beam. The company owns now ten barges. The boat will be run by a one-hundred and fifty horse power engine and an eighteen-foot wheel. It will take four months to complete the work and it will be ready for the fall trade.

### New Iron Making Method.

Tests are being made in the Birmingham district with fluorine, a refined product of fluorspar found in the district. This product has been recently made and tried in other places, and is proving successful. It is estimated that two pounds of fluorine will remove all but the merest trace of sulphur and phosphorus from a ton of iron.

### Moving to Anniston.

Preparations have been completed for the removal of the Union Glass factory from Anderson, Ind., to Anniston, Ala. One hundred glass blowers and their families will go with the factory.

Bradstreet's says: Crop preparations and planting has made good progress, the present outlook being that while the winter wheat crop will be short, the acreage in spring wheat, oats and corn will be heavily increased. The formal dissolution of the Lake Ore association was an unsettling feature in the iron trade. The iron trade is quieter with prices distinctly weaker.

A strike of the linemen who were putting up the trolley wires has brought the work on the electric car line between Florence, Sheffield and Tusculuma to a standstill and deferred the date for the operation of the line indefinitely.

The contracts for two steel bridges near Columbus, Ga., have been let to the Southern Bridge Company, of Birmingham, Ala., for \$7,371 cash.

At Selma four large buildings are being completed—the Elks' home, the Carnegie library, the city hall and the First Baptist church. The latter is the only stone building in the city.

Oil has been struck at Jamestown, Tenn. The well flows 500 barrels an hour.

A paper mill is to be established at Huntsville.



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## COUNTY TICKET.

For Probate Judge:  
A. P. LONGSHORE.  
For Tax Assessor:  
J. S. PITTS.  
For County Treasurer:  
W. E. HARRISON.  
For Superintendent of Education:  
J. O. DOROUGH.  
For Commissioner 1st District:  
J. E. DYKES.  
For Commissioner 2nd District:  
JAMES M. ALLEN.

The Sentinel seems to be on the  
run.

The Sentinel was so completely  
knocked out by the facts present-  
ed by the Advocate that it was as  
tame as a puddle duck the next  
week; it took ten days for it to  
get on its feet again.

Do the people of Shelby county  
want to put our county govern-  
ment back in the hands of the rule  
or ruin crowd? The same old  
bosses are asking you to put them  
"back in the good easy offices and  
we'll do the rest"—you bet.

The Sentinel a few weeks ago  
published a statement that the  
Democrats turned over to the Pop-  
ulist sixteen thousand dollars. The  
Advocate showed from the records  
that this statement was erroneous.  
Will the Sentinel be just enough  
to correct the report?

When the Democratic party went  
out of power there was only \$553.  
20 in the treasury, and the Sen-  
tinel says there was \$16,000.00.  
The record is open for inspection  
and the people should see whether  
the statement of the Sentinel is  
true or not. Yet the Sentinel does  
not want to prejudice the people.

If the Democratic party is so  
economical as the Sentinel would  
make you believe, then why did its  
officials pay officers of the county  
\$25.00 more than the law allowed  
for certain work? The record  
shows this to be true. The Sen-  
tinel does not call that extrava-  
gance, but we reckon he will say  
it is—democracy.

If the Sentinel will tell you that  
there was sixteen thousand dollars  
in the treasury and you can go to  
the record and see that there was  
only \$553.20 as counted by the  
grand jury at that time—what is  
the natural conclusion—it is this;  
the Sentinel shows by that as it  
does by most of its writing, that  
it does not regard the truth and is  
trying to prejudice the people.

The county owes but one thou-  
sand dollars, says the Advocate.  
How about the eight thousand dol-  
lars borrowed from an Ensley  
banker a few weeks ago? If the  
statement of the Advocate be true,  
then the loan of a few weeks ago  
was not a loan but a gift—The  
Sentinel.

Here is another case of the Sen-  
tinel trying to mislead the people.  
The people of the county remember  
the statement of the Advocate on  
this matter and they can refer to  
our files and see that the purpose  
of the Sentinel is only to misrep-  
resent the facts.

The Sentinel says the Populist  
demagogues and traitors have  
ruined the county. It said when  
the Democrats turned over to the Pop-  
ulist that there were sixteen thou-  
sand dollars in the treasury and  
that the present administration  
had wasted that and the county  
was badly in debt. Too bad! The  
fact of the business is the Demo-  
cratic administration turned over  
only \$553.20 to Mr. W. A. Tallant  
in 1896, and there was at that  
time between three and five thou-  
sand dollars outstanding claims  
against the county unpaid. Which  
is right, the Sentinel or the rec-  
ord? Does the Sentinel show a  
disposition to regard the truth or  
does it want to prejudice the peo-  
ple? Talk about prejudice—but  
the Sentinel, the mogul, is to put  
the Pops out of business.

The Advocate is free from want-  
ing to prejudice the people, but we  
only want to let the people know  
that these foul misrepresentations  
of the Sentinel are intended to  
mislead them.

If the administration of affairs  
in this county under Populist rule  
has been so disgraceful and dis-  
tructive, why does the Sentinel  
want to misrepresent the facts?  
Let the facts come and then let  
the people say whether the affairs  
are disgraceful and rotten or not.  
The authorities have at all times  
tried to mete out justice between  
man and man without regard to  
party affiliation.

When we come to examine the  
former administrations of the  
Democratic party we find that they  
were extravagant, reckless and  
unthoughtful. The interest of  
the people were not at stake. All  
the Democratic party has done in  
this county is to hold office and  
draw salaries, and some times hold  
offices that other men were elected  
to. Oh! the Sentinel will say, let  
the past be forgotten, but the peo-  
ple are not going to let it be that  
way.

If the Sentinel will wilfully mis-  
represent the state of affairs in  
one instance, is it worthy of belief  
in another. We do not believe  
that the people of Shelby county  
will believe such stuff as the Sen-  
tinel is indulging in. Like the old  
Democratic style—"get there Eli,  
doesn't matter whether by misrep-  
resentation or facts." Now, we  
would like to inform the Populist  
smasher that the people of this  
county are not as ignorant as he  
thinks they are—they think for  
themselves, and they know that  
the Sentinel is misrepresenting the  
whole affair from beginning to  
ending.

The present administration of  
affairs in this county are not what  
the Sentinel would have you be-  
lieve. The Populist officers are  
not demagogues and traitors and  
men unworthy of trust. Neither  
have they betrayed the trust im-  
posed in them by electing them to  
office (as the Sentinel would have  
you believe.) The official acts of  
the officers of the present adminis-  
tration can not be judged or criti-  
cised so as to make them traitors  
and men unworthy of trust. But  
the Sentinel would make you be-  
lieve (if it could) that they are a  
set of demagogues and traitors.  
Why should the Sentinel adopt  
such a plan of canvassing if it  
didn't want to prejudice the peo-  
ple. Don't talk about prejudice.  
If the Sentinel is not as little and  
as prejudiced as it can be we fail  
to see its purpose.

In its issue of April 14th, the  
Sentinel published an interview  
with James McGowan, who was  
commissioner of the first district  
from September 1, 1892, to Sep-  
tember 1, 1896, in which he said  
that "at the expiration of his term  
of office, there was \$7,000.00 in the  
county treasury and that the  
county did not owe a dollar." The  
Advocate showed by extracts from  
the county treasurer's books that  
the statement was erroneous in  
several particulars; instead of  
\$7,000.00 being in the treasury,  
there was only \$553.20 turned  
over to W. A. Tallant, who suc-  
ceeded Mr. W. A. Thompson, who  
went out of office at the same time  
that Mr. McGowan did. Does the  
Sentinel desire that these erro-  
neous reports should be corrected?  
If so, why don't the Sentinel pub-  
lish the truth and let his people  
see it?

The Sentinel would try to make  
you believe that the Advocate is  
trying to prejudice the people, but  
we would like to ask the people of  
Shelby county, if the Sentinel has  
wilfully and without regard for the  
truth, misrepresented the state of  
affairs in this county; why did it  
do so? Wasn't it to try to pre-  
judice the people against the admin-  
istration? The Sentinel with its  
gull need not think that the peo-  
ple will put any confidence in its  
great wrangle of last week. It  
will all turn out like the sixteen  
thousand dollar proposition. My!  
My! How can the Sentinel have  
the cheek to say anything about  
any one else trying to prejudice  
the people. The Sentinel's whole  
scheme is to try to bluff the whole  
thing by misrepresenting the facts  
and we want to warn you now that  
the Advocate does not propose for  
wilful misrepresentations to go the  
rounds in this county unanswered.

In the interview published in  
the Sentinel by Mr. McGowan, he  
stated that when he went out of  
office in 1896, the county did not  
owe a dollar; we are informed by  
Mr. Tallant that there was one  
warrant for \$2,500.00 outstanding.

George Washington, while Pres-  
ident of the United States, on one  
occasion was asked about the mon-  
ey on hand in the treasury, and  
his reply was, "that a poor treas-  
ury and a rich government was  
what he wanted." This admoni-  
tion from the father of our great  
country is not bad medicine.

Let the untarnished truth be  
known with reference to the ad-  
ministration of affairs in this  
county, and because the Sentinel  
has moved from Montevallo to Co-  
lumbiana to smash the Populist  
don't be deceived by its wilful mis-  
representation. We think that the  
people are entitled to know the  
facts; but when the Sentinel wont  
regard the truth, then you should  
not allow yourself to heed its  
teachings.

The record of the Democratic  
party in this county will not bear  
a comparison with that of any  
party, because it is known to many  
of us that the Democratic party  
for many years before it went out  
of power did not regard the rights  
and privileges of the common peo-  
ple—and hence foul means were  
resorted to, to hold the reigns, but  
the people with their strong arms  
seized the reign and the corrupt  
methods of the Democratic party  
were overcome. Is it not true?

A Shelby county man who has  
been in the counsels of the Popu-  
list party in this county ever since  
it was born, says this is the last  
Populist ticket that will ever go  
before the people of this county.  
He says a good many of the Popu-  
list are going back to the Demo-  
cratic party from whence they  
came, but that a greater portion  
of them will go to the Republican  
party, "Without a national organi-  
zation," he says, "there is no use  
of a local Populist party."—Sen-  
tinel.

The fact that the Shelby county  
man above referred to says that the  
Populist have no national organi-  
zation shows that he is not much  
Populist. The convention of the  
Populist party has been called to  
meet at Springfield, Ill., at an ear-  
ly date, and it is generally con-  
ceded that a national ticket will  
be put out. The Populist that the  
Sentinel is so proud of has failed  
to inform himself, and that is why  
he is talking so.

## Sugar From Sweet Potatoes.

Over half of the sugar product  
of the world is extracted from  
beets, and yet at the outset of the  
movement the beet root was sim-  
ply a local food product, contain-  
ing about seven per cent of sugar  
only. The scientists took hold of  
it, and they have succeeded in car-  
rying its saccharine contents to an  
average of 14 per cent, or a maxi-  
mum of 20 per cent.

The increase in sugar in the beet  
was effected by taking a core out  
of each 100 or 1000 beet roots, tag-  
ging both roots and cores, and, af-  
ter analyzing each core, discarding  
the roots of low saccharine quality  
and preserving those of high an-  
alysis for the purpose of raising  
seed from them the following sum-  
mer. The seed thus obtained was  
sown and the process of analysis  
repeated, and so on year after year,  
the sugar percentage climbing up  
until it was finally raised in Ger-  
many to the present high standard.

Analysis of the sweet potato  
made by government chemist show  
as large a percentage of sugar as  
the beet formerly contained, and  
the hope is entertained that the  
saccharine contents of the sweet  
potato can be increased by selec-  
tion and cultivation fully as much  
as were those contents of the root.  
It is this talk that the department  
of agriculture proposes to under-  
take especially if congress sanc-  
tions its plans.

This is a sugar consuming coun-  
try, and if the sweet potato and  
yam can be brought up to the beet  
in point of saccharine contents, a  
wide section of the south would  
be greatly benefited. It would  
give the south another money crop,  
and a great industry, for the best  
sugar factory must be located near  
fields that grow the roots it con-  
sumes. Those roots will not stand  
heavy transportation charges.—  
Age Herald.

CURED HIS MOTHER OF RHEUMATISM.  
"My mother has been a sufferer for  
many years with rheumatism," says  
W. H. Howard, of Husband, Pa. "At  
times she was unable to move at all,  
while at all times walking was pain-  
ful. I presented her with a bottle of  
Chamberlain's Pain Balm and after a  
few applications she decided it was  
the most wonderful pain reliever she  
had ever tried, in fact, she is never  
without it now and is at all times able  
to walk. An occasional application of  
Pain Balm keeps away the pain that  
she was formerly troubled with." For  
sale by Williams Bros.

## 50,000 Free Samples You Can Get One.

BLACK WEED, the great vegetable  
remedy for Rheumatism, Catarrh, and  
Kidney and Bladder complaints, has met  
with almost instantaneous success be-  
cause it has made some noteworthy  
cures of very severe cases.

Mr. John Post, of the Atlanta Fire  
Dept., writes:

"For months I suffered with my kid-  
neys. I made every effort to get relief,  
but failed until I accidentally came in  
possession of a bottle of Black Weed.  
The relief obtained from its use was so  
great before half the first bottle had  
been used, that I put aside all other  
medicines and am now sound and well,  
having been cured completely by Black  
Weed. At the same time I had an ag-  
gravated case of Catarrh of the head  
and throat. Black Weed has completely  
cured this, and my head is now as clear  
as a bell."

BLACK WEED is sold by all drug-  
gists at \$1.00 a bottle, or we will send  
prepaid upon receipt of price.

Send Your Name and address  
at once for a trial sample of this great remedy,  
which will be sent absolutely free, to-  
gether with our book containing valu-  
able information and endorsements.  
Please mention this paper. Address,  
Black Weed Medicine Co.,  
Atlanta, Ga.

## The Irish Potato.

A subscriber at Summit, Miss.,  
asks that we tell about the Irish  
potato. Not very long ago we dis-  
cussed this subject at some length  
in these columns; but as we are al-  
ways receiving new subscriptions  
we expect to have to go over ground  
like this at no very remote inter-  
vals again and again; doing so  
with such new light as may become  
known to in the interval and with  
the freshness that comes from go-  
ing over the same field in a varie-  
ty of directions.

It should be understood that it  
is almost impossible to state all the  
points for even a particular situa-  
tion, so that every detail in a mat-  
ter of this kind will be fully met.  
The most that we can do in an af-  
fair of the sort is to cover all the  
main points. This is what we pro-  
pose to do in the particular case  
now before us.

The Irish potato requires a good  
deal of moisture, and so it can  
stand a soil heavier in the South  
at least than can the general run  
of vegetables—a soil just suited to  
this one that is both fertile and  
deep. Land that is cold, stiff, clay-  
ey, usually fails to give a profit-  
able return.

Dr. Laws, famous on account of  
his work at the Rothamsted Ex-  
periment Station, in discussing the  
cultivation of the Irish potato,  
says: "If you want to grow large  
crops of potatoes, you must be lib-  
eral in your supply of water as  
well as of food." The Irish potato  
crop requires rain plentifully and  
regularly.

It is recommended that its cul-  
tivation can be "deep and thorough,  
so that there will be no difficulty  
for the plant to find moisture.  
Thorough plowing will compensate  
in a way for nitrogenous ferti-  
lizers. This is a point that appears  
to be thoroughly established,  
though not usually known or ac-  
cepted.

Those experienced in the grow-  
ing of this crop hold that "stable  
manure should not be used, as it is  
liable to produce scab." Sulphate  
of potash ranks high as a fertilizer  
for the Irish potato crop.

Quite a number of experiments  
have been made for the purpose of  
ascertaining how fertilizers should  
be applied, and, as "the roots of  
the Irish potatoes do not penetrate  
the soil as deeply as do those of  
some other crops, the fertilizer  
should be in the row or in the hill."

In whatever way it is used, it is  
very important that it be thor-  
oughly mixed with the soil.  
Regarding soil for the Irish po-  
tato, it is held that "soils of the  
drier and lighter descriptions are  
best for it—pasture land or new  
land with the turf freshly turned  
producing of it the most abundant  
as well as the most certain crops."

But the Irish potato is grown  
with more or less success on all  
kinds of garden and farming lands  
regarding as good. Those with ex-  
perience in the South express them-  
selves as highly pleased with the  
use of cottonseed meal in its cul-  
ture.

"The application should be from  
800 to 1,000 pounds per acre in the  
furrows."—Home and Farm.

A fine bird makes her feathers  
finer.

W. B. BROWNE,  
President.

W. L. FARLEY,  
Cashier.

## COLUMBIANA SAVINGS BANK.

Statement of Condition January 1, 1904.

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and Discounts, \$ 16,782.77	Capital Stock, \$15,000.00
Bank building, fixtures, 7,000.00	Deposits, 52,639.61
Other Real Estate, 3,000.00	Du. Banks, 2,263.00
Cash & with other banks, 43,119.84	
Total, \$69,902.61	Total, \$69,902.61

I, W. L. FARLEY, do solemnly swear that the above statement is  
true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. L. FARLEY, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this Jan. 1st, 1904.

J. R. WHITE, Register in Chancery.

This Bank does a general Banking and Loan business. Offers de-  
positors the same facilities as the city banks offer. Deposits received  
from \$1.00 up. We solicit your business and assure you of our appre-  
ciation of the same.

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Land Titles, Abstracts of Titles;

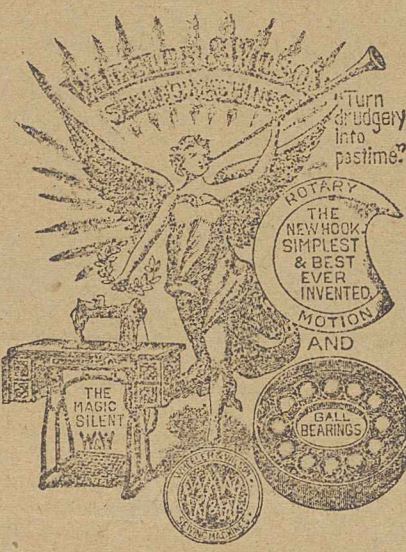
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J. K. BROCKMAN, General Manager, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

W. R. LAWLEY, Local Manager, COLUMBIANA, ALABAMA.



## Varieties of Plants and Seed.

New varieties of plants are offer-  
ed every season, and seeds are of all  
kinds and for all climates. There  
is no doubt of the fact that the var-  
ieties of fruits and vegetables are  
improving every year, but it is  
well not to expect too much of new  
varieties. It will be of great ad-  
vantage to farmers, however, if  
they will test some of the latest  
kinds by using a packet of seeds  
of a few plants, but it is not safe  
to discard an old variety until a  
better one has been tested. Vari-  
eties which thrive and do well in  
some sections and on certain soils  
may be worthless on others. There  
is always some particular variety  
of corn that will give more satis-  
factory yield on certain farms than  
any other, as a variety may thrive  
well in one section and disappoint  
in another. It will not be advisable  
for one to procure seed corn of a  
grower because he secured an en-  
ormous yield, but hold on to the  
old variety until the new candidate  
for favor has been tested. The sel-  
ection of the seed corn is where  
the best judgment is necessary. By  
judicious selection of seed of all  
kinds, good qualities may be bred  
into a variety and bad qualities  
bred out. Both faithfulness and  
vitality can be increased by selec-  
tion. If a farmer will set apart a  
plot upon which to grow his seed  
when he can very materially in-  
crease both fruitfulness and vitali-  
ty in the following manner: Go  
through the field and cut off the  
weakly-looking and short heads as  
soon as they show themselves above  
the top blade, leaving only large  
typical heads to ripen. If this pro-  
cess be kept up for a series of years  
the result will prove that much  
can be done to improve the type—  
Home and Farm.

## A SURE THING.

It is said that nothing is sure except  
death and taxes, but that is not alto-  
gether true. Dr. King's New Discov-  
ery for Consumption is a sure cure  
for all lung and throat troubles. Thou-  
sands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B.  
VanMetre of Shepherdstown, W. Va.,  
says "I had a severe case of Bronchi-  
tis and for a year tried everything I  
heard of, but got no relief. One bottle  
of Dr. King's New Discovery then  
cured me absolutely." It is infallible  
for Croup, Whooping Cough, Grip,  
Pneumonia and Consumption. Try it.  
It is guaranteed by Williams Bros., and  
J. W. Brady Drug Co. Trial bottles  
free. Reg. sizes 50c. and \$1.00.

A man is a cinch for a girl when  
he is afraid he might break her  
heart.

## Reflections of a Bachelor.

FROM THE NEW YORK PRESS.  
Women are very considerate of  
mosquitoes to wear open work  
stockings for their benefit.

You can mostly always tell who  
is the boss at home by the way the  
man lords it around in his office.

A woman always has an idea  
that she would enjoy having a bro-  
ken heart if it matched her style  
of beauty.

Working late at the office always  
makes a man want to put on a  
macintosh to go to bed in, but a  
woman can never seem to under-  
stand it.

It makes a woman awful careless  
of her feet to wear baby blue stock-  
ings.

It takes a woman to weep to  
show her happiness and to laugh  
to show her grief.

When a girl turns up her nose  
at an unmarried man maybe she  
has her eye on one who is married.

A woman's best years are those  
she forgets to count in confessing  
her age.

It is almost as lucky for a girl  
to wear a four-leaf clover in her  
shoe as for a man to see her put it  
there.

When a man is willing to admit  
to his wife that he went to the ra-  
ces it is a sign that he won.

Sometimes when a woman smiles  
she is pleased; mostly always,  
though, it is to hide displeasure.

When a young-looking woman  
has an eighteen year-old son, it is  
a sign she likes him to keep out of  
sight.

It's funny how a woman can con-  
vince herself that the most of her  
clothes can get tighter from shrink-  
ing, without her getting fatter.

It makes a woman very uncon-  
fortable to think of her husband's  
money being in the bank when the  
shops need it so much more.

A woman has an idea that every  
man knows how to sail a boat, just  
as a man has that every woman  
knows how to make pop-overs.

In Norway a girl must have a  
certificate showing that she can  
cook before she can be married.  
That law is all right. It will save  
many domestic jars. The bride-  
groom should be required to pro-  
duce a certificate determining  
whether or not he can provide his  
bride anything to cook. That would  
be nothing more than justice. It's  
a poor rule that doesn't work both  
ways.—Bonham News.

## Announcement.

We, the many friends of John R.  
Dyke, after personally consulting the  
Republicans in Beas 8, 10, 11, 13, 14,  
15, 18 and 19, and hearing from Repub-  
licans over the county and knowing  
him and his business ability, take  
pleasure in announcing him as a candi-  
date for Circuit Clerk of Shelby coun-  
ty, subject to the action of the Republi-  
can party.

S. H. Collins, T. A. Adams, J. Y. Dav-  
is, H. M. Isbell, A. C. Partridge, J. N.  
Howard, W. G. Weldon, John Fulmer,  
J. W. Fulmer and W. S. Fulmer.

## Notice!

Application will be made to  
Hon. W. D. Jolks, Governor of Ala-  
bama, to remit a forfeiture taken  
on a bond signed by Will Moore,  
defendant, and J. R. White, J. P.  
Roberts and M. L. E. German, sur-  
ties, at the February Term of the  
County Court of Shelby county,  
the amount of the forfeiture  
against said Will Moore, and J. R.  
White, J. P. Roberts and M. L. E.  
German was for three hundred  
dollars.

MRS. M. L. E. GERMAN.

## Iron Gray John.

I will stand him this spring sea-  
son for \$8.00. Will insure colt; no  
colt no pay. Kind and easily man-  
aged; heavy weight. Will stand  
him on the Adkinson farm.

W. A. STONE.

**KILL THE COUGH  
AND CURE THE LUNGS**  
WITH **Dr. King's  
New Discovery**  
FOR CONSUMPTION  
CROUPS and  
COLDS  
Price  
50c & \$1.00  
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## Brown Lion.

This is one of Tennessee's best  
production. He is one of the best  
Jacks that ever graced our south.  
He is 15 hands high, with unusu-  
ally large bone and ear, and has  
proven himself an extra sure fold  
getter and fine breeder. He is  
quick, active and full of life and  
vigor, and shows a model Tennes-  
see colt. If you are interested in  
raising mules don't fail to see him.  
Will stand this spring season at  
\$8.00, one mile north of the Mc-  
Clendon Cross Road on Duke place  
near Dargin, Ala.

JNO. S. EVANS, Proprietor.

## Romeo Jack.

I will stand him this Spring sea-  
son at \$8.00. He is six years old,  
extra large joints, weight eight  
hundred pounds; he is kind and  
easily managed.  
Call and see him.  
R. B. JORDAN,  
Proprietor.  
3 miles south of Shelby, Ala.

## DON JUAN.

The Great I Am.

"Don Juan" was sired by "Ben  
Franklin," who took more premi-  
ums than any other Jack in the  
State of Tennessee. Was import-  
ed from Spain. "Don Juan" took  
first premium at last State Fair  
held in Birmingham, Ala. He is  
six years old; fourteen hands high  
and weighs 1200 pounds, and is  
full of vitality and vim. His ser-  
vices can be had at my lot nine  
miles north of Montevallo, four  
miles south of Helena and two  
miles west of Siluria, Ala.

## The Fee Will Be

\$6.00 for the Season.

JAMES B. GRIFFIN

Proprietor.

Could Not Be Better.  
I find after selling Chamberlain's  
Cough Remedy for some time it is  
no use to change off for another.  
We don't see how it could be any  
better. I will try to keep it in  
stock all the time.

C. W. BRADY,

Gale, Ind.

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STRIOUS PERSONS in each state to  
travel for house established eleven  
years and with a large capital, to call  
upon merchants and agents for suc-  
cessful and profitable line. Permanent  
engagement. Weekly cash salary of  
\$24 and all traveling expenses paid. No  
fees bills advanced in cash each week.  
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reference and enclose self-addressed  
envelope. THE NATIONAL, 333  
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# THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

## SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

Hobson! Hobson!! on May 21.

County court convenes on next Monday.

Sam Pardue, of beat 7, was in town Saturday.

Hear Hobson on May 21st at the College Hall.

J. O. Moore, of Sterrett, was in the city Saturday.

Business was good Saturday with our merchants.

Miss Ethel Glenn is visiting relatives at Pontoloe, Miss.

Commissioner's court has been in regular session this week.

Rev. W. H. Sturdivant, of Bamford, was in the city Monday.

E. W. Burt has opened up his new livery stable for business.

Rev. C. W. O'Hara spent Monday over at Saginaw with relatives.

J. W. Harrell is visiting his family in the city for a few days.

Mrs. I. W. Bailey, of Calera, visited relatives here Friday and Saturday.

R. T. Johnson, of Shelby Springs, was among the visitors in town Saturday.

Claude Duran, of Birmingham, visited relatives in the city Friday and Saturday.

Tom Tinney is doing some good pitching for the Columbiana ball team this year.

Dr. J. J. DuBose, of Burnsville, visited relatives in the city a few days last week.

W. W. Hadaway, of beat 9, was in town Saturday and subscribed for the Advocate.

E. B. Wood, of near Talladega Springs, visited relatives here Friday and Saturday.

Frank Robertson and wife, of near Wilsonville, visited relatives in the city Sunday.

Tom Norris, day operator at Wilton, is visiting his parents in the city for a few days.

Prof. John Stone, of Calvary, was in the city Saturday circulating among his friends.

Quite a number of our people went down to Shelby Thursday afternoon to see the ball game.

Go to the College Hall Tuesday night, May 17th, to hear Miss Daisy Winifred Daughdrill.

J. H. Page spent a few days this week in Birmingham attending the Republican State Convention.

Commissioner Kendrick, of beat 8, has been in town this week attending Commissioner's court.

Rev. T. J. Ponder, of Prattville, has been in the city this week visiting the family of E. B. Nelson.

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Mrs. W. R. Rider and Miss Emma Davis, who have been visiting their brother, W. F. Davis, returned to their home at Delaware, Ohio, last Friday.

J. S. Jackson, of Lewis, was in the city Friday. He says he has a field of twenty acres in cotton on which he expects to get 20 bales of cotton. Mr. Jackson is one of Shelby county's most prosperous farmers and knows his business along that line.

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Mr. T. A. LEATHERS, Agent, Columbiana, Alabama.

C. C. Seale, of beat 9, was in town Saturday.

E. W. Burt made a business trip down to Selma Monday.

W. R. Oliver, of Calera, was in town Monday on business.

H. W. Parker, of Shelby, was a visitor to the city Monday.

Uncle David Spearman, of Redlawn, was in the city Tuesday.

Don't miss going out to the College Hall Tuesday night, May 17.

Tuesday and Wednesday mornings reminded us of winter again.

J. M. Reynolds, of Montevallo, was in the city Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. M. E. Parker is visiting relatives in Montevallo for a few days.

Fred Hardy, of Saginaw, was in the city a short while Monday on business.

J. S. Pitts spent a part of Sunday and Monday at Vincent with relatives.

Miss Mary Bailey, of Oxford, visited the family of T. J. Weaver this week.

Mrs. J. P. Christian visited relatives in Birmingham a few days this week.

F. M. Hallmark spent a part of Saturday and Sunday in the city with his family.

Three nights at the College Hall next week, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights.

Commissioner R. J. Griffin, of Helena, has been in the city this week on business.

J. W. McMahon and wife, of Shelby Springs, were in the city a short while Monday.

R. B. Posey, of Harpersville, has been in town this week attending Commissioner's court.

Mrs. Max Lefkowitz has been quite sick this week, but is improving at this writing.

Mrs. J. D. Rhodes, of Birmingham, is in the city visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. P. Lane.

H. S. Latham, of Montevallo, was in the city Tuesday and Wednesday visiting his children.

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## Commencement Exercises.

Dr. F. M. Peterson, President of the Industrial School for Girls at Montevallo, preached the commencement sermon for the Columbiana Graded School at the Methodist church on last Sunday at 11 o'clock to a large congregation. The sermon was strong, forceful and to the point, and the audience were delighted and instructed by the able discourse.

The literary address was delivered by Col. E. P. Hogan, of Howard College, Tuesday evening at the College Hall to a crowded house. His subject was Education, and the address was well received.

The exercises at the College Hall Wednesday evening by the Elocution and Physical Culture Classes of Miss Gertrude Roberts were entertaining and interesting. Every one carried out their part of the program well, and showed that they had been well trained. The large crowd present all seemed to enjoy the exercises very much. Much credit is due to Miss Roberts, as well as to the classes for this highly and appreciated entertainment given last evening.

The closing exercises of the school will take place tonight, Thursday, at eight o'clock, with the annual concert by the students.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. T. J. Weaver is visiting relatives and friends at Oxford.

Charlie Brooks, of Birmingham, is in the city visiting his family.

Miss Robbie Wallace, of Klein, is visiting relatives in the city.

A college professor is a wise man who can teach people to do things he can't.

J. W. Porter and family, of Piper, Ala., are visiting the family of Mrs. E. Porter.

Miss Katherine Smith, of Alpine, is visiting relatives in the city for a few days.

The City Council met Tuesday in regular session, and transacted but little business of importance.

Quite a number of the Shelby people were in the city Wednesday afternoon to witness the ball game.

Mrs. Rosa Teague, who has been visiting relatives in the city, returned to her home at Klein Wednesday.

A bachelor may suspect what he has escaped, but it takes a widower to know with convictions profound.

L. M. Dyke left this morning, Thursday, for Collinsville, where he goes to open up a banking institution. We wish him much success in his new field of business.

The citizens of Columbiana are trying to get the Southern Railway to put on double daily passenger trains by this place, which is very badly needed. We hope they will be successful in their efforts to get this new train.

Columbiana and Shelby crossed bats here Wednesday afternoon, but owing to Shelby being outplayed and kicking against the umpire, they forfeited the game to the home team in the first half of the 3rd ending when the score was 6 to 1 in favor of Columbiana.

Let the people of the county hear Hobson on May 21st. The building will be filled with chairs so that everybody can be comfortable.

Hobson, the Southern boy of World-Wide heroism, will tell of his great adventures in the Spanish-American War on Saturday night, May 21st at the School building.

Miss Georgia Ray MacMillan, a noted elocutionist, will give an entertainment at the college building Thursday May 19th, at 8:30 P. M. in the interest of the Pauline DuBose Missionary society.

Admission 15 and 25 cents.

On the recommendation of the last grand jury that adjourned a few weeks ago in regard to building a new jail for the safe keeping of prisoners, we learn that the Commissioners court will at an early date build a new jail, which is very badly needed. We learn that the new jail will be built back of the Jailers residence.

Beat Sunday School Association Organized at Vincent May 8.

According to previous announcement, there was a Sunday School Mass meeting held in the Methodist church at 2:30 P. M. Sunday, the 8th. Quite a large crowd was out, and after several interesting talks on Sunday School Work, its importance, influence, etc., and the plans and purposes of a beat Association being explained, an organization of the Sunday schools of beat 8 was effected. The following officers were elected:

J. S. Falkner, President; G. W. Martin, Vice-President; S. Hodge, Secretary and Treasurer.

The President, on motion, appointed a programme committee as follows: Mrs. M. B. Darnell, Mrs. Matt Turner, J. J. Burke, M. E. Vincent and Mrs. W. B. Martin. Also Dr. E. A. McGraw, W. H. Kidd and E. A. Turner as an Executive Committee.

The next meeting is to be held at the call of the Executive Committee.

R. P. TUCKER, Secretary.

Go out to the College Hall next Thursday night, May 19th, and hear Miss Georgia Ray MacMillan, Elocutionist. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

Miss Georgia Ray MacMillan is mistress of her art and the spontaneous and continued applause and endorsement were proof that she had captivated her audience. She is a charming and graceful young woman with an impressive stage presence and her rendition of many varied selections last night entitle her to rank with the very best readers of the day.—News and Observer, Raleigh, N. C.

Sick headache results from a disordered stomach and is quickly cured by Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. For sale by Williams Bros.

## Mr. O'Hara Called.

Rev. J. W. O'Hara of Wylam, Ala., was called yesterday to the pastorate of the Clayton Street Baptist church to succeed Rev. B. F. Treadway, resigned.

Mr. O'Hara was called at the morning service at Clayton Street church by vote of the congregation. Since the resignation of Mr. Treadway took effect, several young ministers have preached at Clayton Street church. The congregation has been so impressed with the work of Mr. O'Hara in the North Alabama mining town that his call was decided on.

He will be written today advising him of his call. It is not known that he will accept.

Mr. W. B. Holmes, a leader of the congregation said last night that from all reports there was no stronger young minister in Alabama than Mr. O'Hara. His work in Wylam has been eminently successful and the congregation looks eagerly forward to his acceptance of the call which will give him a broader field of work.

He is a young man having not reached his thirtieth year and has been recently married.—Montgomery Advertiser, of May 9th.

The above clipping will be read with a great deal of interest by our citizens. Mr. O'Hara is a Shelby county boy and his many friends here will be glad to learn of his success. He is worthy of the position to which he has been called, and we feel that he will do a great work in his new field.

## County Court.

The following is a list of petit jurors drawn to serve at the spring term of county court, which convenes on May 16:

M. L. Dickerson, A. F. Hutchings, J. K. Elliott, J. E. Adams, J. A. Black, T. J. Coleman, J. T. Davis, E. A. Saxon, J. A. Grimes, W. A. Bennett, J. A. Baker, S. J. Harrell, L. D. West, J. M. Baldwin, B. B. Alexander, A. Mooney, H. A. Wilson, J. P. Atkinson, J. J. Harper, J. H. Steel, J. G. Harris, J. M. Allen, T. M. Dennis, M. C. Vick.

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## Public Speaking.

There will be public speaking at Bay Springs church on Saturday May 21st at 10:30 o'clock, on the Political issues of the day. Distinguished speakers have been invited to represent the various parties, and the public are cordially invited. A basket dinner will be spread and an interesting discussion may be expected.

W. M. CONNELL, J. D. WHITTEN AND OTHERS, Committee.

## Progress in the Shelby County Division.

It is announced with much gratification on the part of the organizers of the Shelby County Division of the Mutual Life Industrial Association of Georgia, that rapid progress is being made towards the successful filling of this division. Our people recognize at once that this plan of co-operative home insurance is one that best suits the masses; it is the poor man's friend.

The object of this Association is to insure the lives of men and women by mutual co-operation. Each division, when full, consists of one thousand members, and is responsible only for assessments from losses within its own division.

The cost is exceedingly small, about one fifth that of Old Line Companies, but an investigation of the plan will readily convince you that it is absolutely safe and reliable.

Since all funds are kept at home in the local bank there can be no delays in the settlement of claims. If you are patriotic, encourage a worthy home industry and at the same time be adding to your estate, strengthening your family in case of death.

## AN OPEN LETTER.

From the Chapin, S. C. News: Early in the spring my wife and I were taken with diarrhoea and so severe were the pains that we called a physician who prescribed for us, but his medicines failed to give any relief. A friend who had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy on hand gave each of us a dose and we at once felt the effects. I procured a bottle and before using the entire contents we were entirely cured. It is a wonderful remedy and should be found in every household. H. C. Bailey, Editor. This remedy is for sale by Williams Bros.

## FOR SALE.

One fine milch cow with young calf for sale. Apply to A. J. Roper, Redlawn, Alabama.

It seems to a mother awful cold-blooded of a boy's father not to want to cry because the youngster writes he is homesick.

## South Harpersville.

Jno W. Shaw, of Weldon, was in our community Wednesday last on business.

W. J. Maddox transacted business up at Vincent Friday afternoon.

Our Secretary Col. Wild Bill anticipates on attending the memorial services at Union Saturday. We hope those people up there will give him a cordial welcome.

So many from here attended the singing convention at Fourmile Sunday until it would take us a week to tell who did go and who didn't. Wild Bill says he didn't go.

J. W. Sharbutt and wife, of Creswell, spent Sunday here with D. W. Sharbutt and family.

Rev. B. C. Hughes, of Weldon, preached a very interesting sermon at Wheelers school house Sunday.

Dock Evans and charming daughters, of Creswell, attended divine worship here Sunday.

Henry Smith and wife, of Yellow Leaf, spent Sunday here with their daughter, Mrs. Allen Anderson.

Bob White, of Creswell, attended divine worship at Wheeler's school house Sunday.

The singing at Wheeler's school house Sunday was a failure owing to so many of our people going to Fourmile.

Charley Bradshaw, of Sterrett, was in our community Saturday after some beef cattle.

J. A. Blankenship and family spent Saturday night and Sunday on Fourmile with relatives.

John Mascon and family spent a part of Saturday and Sunday at Vincent with relatives.

D. W. Sharbutt and I. C. Shrader transacted business up at Calais Saturday afternoon.

A very nice rain fell here late Saturday afternoon, which was appreciated by our farmers very much indeed.

Rennie Blankenship and A. J. Tucker went down on Yellow Leaf creek Saturday fishing and reported a nice time.

J. R. Moore and Miss Callie Gowers were happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony in the middle of the road at Vincent Sunday May 1st, by a Justice of the Peace.

The groom is well known here and holds a position as fireman with Justin C. Jackson at the saw mill. The bride is a lady of rare traits, and we wish for the happy couple much success and happiness through life. We will close by giving them our best regards.

HARPERSVILLE NEWS CO. WILD BILL, SECRETARY.

## Notice to Taxpayers.

Notice is hereby given that the books of assessments for the current year has been prepared by the Tax Assessor and is ready for inspection by the tax payers, and that the Court of county Commissioners will sit on the second Monday in July to examine the Assessor's returns and to correct any errors therein.

This May 1st, 1904. A. P. LONGSHORE, Judge of Probate.

## Dargin.

We had a fine rain Saturday, which was badly needed, being the first in nine weeks.

Sunday school was not well attended Sunday.

Our literary school is progressing nicely with a roll of 29 scholars.

J. S. Evans went to Birmingham one day last week on business.

Prof. W. S. McEwen went to Mt. Era Sunday.

B. F. Harless and family went to Mt. Era Sunday.

Mich Evans went to Weldon Friday on business.

A. C. Leonard and wife visited at Longview Sunday.

A. M. Richards went up to Wilsonville Saturday.

H. C. and A. S. Duncan and sisters, Ruby and Myra, went to Bethlehem near Farmer Saturday to memorial services.

Lonso Teague, of Spring Creek, visited A. M. Richards Sunday.

Mrs. Mollie Williams, of near Farmer is visiting the family of T. M. Duncan this week.

Mr. Editor we have the best Democrats over here you ever saw, they take the Advocate in preference to the Sentinel, if they will go up to town and look at the Treasurer books their eyes will fly open so wide that they will not close before the November election. Do that bro's.

There will be a singing at Dargin the 1st Sunday in June. All lovers of music are invited to come and bring their song books and stay all day.

Success to the Advocate.

## BUFFALO BILL.

What is the use of discussing women in business when two of them will hang to the opposite ends of a telephone wire for forty five minutes trying to explain some thing men would settle in ten seconds and think five of them wasted?

The fool tells a woman that she seems beautiful to him because she loves her; the smart man that he loves her because she is beautiful.

## Summer Hill.

We had a nice rain Saturday, which the farmers appreciated very much.

Jess Horton has accepted a position with B. T. Johnson.

Mrs. W. E. Price went to Columbiana shopping last week.

Charles Thomas, of Bell Ellen, came over last week and brought his son, Horace, for his health.

Mrs. B. T. Johnson and children visited Mrs. Addie Johnson Tuesday.

Jess Horton was the happy guest of Miss Leila Cameron Sunday.

Ronda Price visited up near Lynch Sunday.

Quite a number of our young people anticipate on going to the Commencement at Columbiana this week.

S. W. Nelson, of Columbiana, was in our community Sunday.

Mrs. W. D. Bearden gave her Sunday school class a dinner Sunday, which was bountiful and fine. It was enjoyed by every body.

Lum Seale and family, of Fourmile, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Sunday school at this place is progressing nicely.

Clarence Johns went to Columbiana Sunday.

W. D. Bearden went to Columbiana Saturday.

B. T. Johnson, who has a position at Wilsonville, visited his family here Saturday and Sunday.

Lewis Johns was the happy escort of Miss Bonnie Bearden Sunday.

Say, Charlie got left Sunday, how about it Miss F. W



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People From All Over the

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The E. E. Forbes Piano Co. have bought the entire stock of the Frank G. Fite Music House, and so large and unusual was the purchase that all the Birmingham papers commented upon it.

The Birmingham News said: "Mr. Fite, desiring to close his Birmingham store, and rather than remark his big stock, sold the whole \$40,000 worth of pianos to the E. E. Forbes Piano Co."

The Birmingham Ledger said: "Think of a beautiful upright piano worth \$250, but sold for \$147.50, or one worth \$325 for \$193.50, but this is the opportunity afforded by the enormous purchase of the E. E. Forbes Co., when they absorbed the entire piano stock of the well-known Frank G. Fite Music House."

The papers may well talk about this great purchase—nothing like it was ever before accomplished in the south, and the result is that "well-known high-grade pianos are being sold at factory prices."

So many orders have been received by us from various places in the south without any notice of the sale being made, excepting what has appeared in the Birmingham papers, that we have caused an advertisement to be published in nearly every southern paper, knowing well that no other piano house in the south can hope to sell good instruments at the low price we are asking for these pianos.

One man who lives down on the coast ordered a Gable and said that after he had paid the freight the price was still \$75 less than he could have bought it for in the large city in which he lives.

We have likewise reduced all prices on our large stock of pianos to keep pace with this sacrifice sale, and as we carry the best pianos in the world, including,

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And other well-known pianos. You will appreciate what a wonderful saving opportunity this piano sale offers—on the pianos for which we are agents you can save from \$50 to \$75. While this is the way prices are marked on the pianos bought from the F. G. Fite Co.:

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When King Edward smokes a cigar the bands are religiously torn into four pieces every time. The reason is that once, at Marlborough, it came to the ear of the king that a band from around one of the royal cigars, which was stamped with the royal arms, had been sold by an indiscreet waiter for five guineas. The man who bought it attached it to a similarly made cigar and went around showing the cigar to his friends, saying it had been given to him by the king.

Japanese residents of New York, members of the Buddhist Alliance, have made considerable progress toward the erection of a Buddhist temple at the American metropolis. Twenty thousand dollars has been subscribed and a site selected.

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Need nature's warning! Pain tells of lurking disease. Backache is kidney pain—a warning of kidney ills. Urinary troubles, too, come to tell you the kidneys are sick. Constant weariness, headaches, dizzy spells, days of pain, nights of unrest, are danger signals warning you to cure the kidneys. Use Doan's Kidney Pills, which have made thousands of permanent cures.

Frank D. Overbaugh, cattle-buyer and farmer, Catskill, N. Y., says: "Doctors told me ten years ago that I had Bright's disease, and said they could do nothing to save me. My back ached so I could not stand it to even drive about, and passages of the kidney secretions were so frequent as to annoy me greatly. I was growing worse all the time, but Doan's Kidney Pills cured me, and I have been well ever since."

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Mr. Overbaugh will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address: Foster-McMillan Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all dealers; price 50 cents per box.

## THE MILE A MINUTE MAN WHY HIS HAIR MAY GROW GRAY IN A SINGLE NIGHT.

His Life May Pay for a Lapse of Judgment, But He Never Loses His Nerve—Caution Is Not Always Winner.

"For my part, I believe the reason for the recent epidemic of wrecks," said a commercial traveler in the smoking compartment of a Pullman car, "is due to the fact that the nerves of the engineers are brought to such a high tension after a number of bad accidents that they lose control of themselves."

"That's just where you are wrong," quietly said a gray-haired man with a tanned, weather-beaten face, who sat near the window smoking a cigar. "I think you will all credit me with knowing what I am talking about, as I have been a railroad engineer for the last 30 years; have run all kinds of engines, from a mine dummy to a hundred-ton passenger engine with a seven-foot wheel, and have railroaded on all the principal lines in the United States."

"The great majority of people seem to have the idea that the engineer of a fast train is always in fear of run-ins and collisions, and that he is under such a nervous strain that he sometimes has to be lifted from the cab when he reaches the end of his run. That isn't so. An engineer has too many duties, such as watching his signals, keeping water in his engine, and seeing that he is on his schedule time, to have much time to worry himself about accidents that are likely to happen. As long as he pays the proper attention to his own train he knows that is all he can do, and that if anything goes wrong it is beyond his control. So he doesn't take up any of his time worrying. Accidents will happen, no matter how much care is taken to prevent them, and sometimes there can't be found any reason for them, but you may be sure that they are never caused through the engineer losing his nerve."

"If an engineer were under half the strain most people suppose him to be he wouldn't last a dozen trips, but you will find that men live to grow old at engineering, just the same as at any other work—that is, if they are suited to the business and have no bad luck. As a rule they are men of good, strong nerves and with little imagination. Of course, I don't mean that all engineers are alike. There are good and ordinary and fast and slow engineers. And it is a curious fact that it is not always the slow, cautious man who gets along with the fewest accidents."

"One of the fastest engineers I ever knew was one of the safest, and yet he would come safely through after taking chances that would have made another man's hair stand on end. One thing he did I'll remember all my life. I was firing for him at the time and I thought that this was the last of us. We came into the station hauling an accommodation train, with the engine running on one side—that is, the gear on one side had broken down and he had disconnected it, taken off the side rods, and tied up the piston. All the power thus had to come from the good side. This doesn't interfere with an engine's speed—at least going down hill—but of course she is much more likely to give way in that condition than when she is in good order."

"The station was at the top of a steep grade and we were coming down. Our train had just five minutes to get to the next station, at the bottom of the hill, four and a half miles below, and side track for an express coming from the opposite direction."

"Well, the engineer wanted to make the run, but the conductor got off the train and said that he didn't want to commit suicide. If the engineer was bound to kill himself he would have to do it alone, said the conductor, but he finally was persuaded to get aboard, and away we went. Never before or since have I had such a ride. From the way we flew down that grade I thought we would never reach the bottom except in a pile. But we reached the side track safely, after all, and pulled into it just in time to miss the express, for it came through a moment later as fast as it could travel, as the engineer made a dash for the grade, and it didn't miss the rear end of our hind coach six inches as it was drawn into the siding."

"Yet that engineer is still running, and he has had fewer accidents than many a slower and more careful man. 'There is always a certain amount of excitement in the life of an engineer, but it gets to be just the same as any other work a man is doing year in and year out. I sometimes see pictures in magazines showing the engineer in a conflict with his fireman. His train all the time supposed to be traveling at a gait of a mile a minute. You will never see anything like that in real life. An engineer always must have his hand on the throttle and his eyes glued straight ahead. The fraction of a second sometimes will make all the difference in the world, for you are likely to find a signal set against you at the most unexpected places, and it is strictly necessary that you see it just as soon as you can."

"While going along with an express as fast as the engine could turn a wheel the other day I came suddenly upon a brakeman waving a red flag. I threw on the air and then reversed the engine, for I could tell by the way the brakeman was waving that he was close on his train. Well, we came to a stop not an engine's length from the way that had crossed on my track to get some cars out of a siding, and hadn't time to get out of my way. The brakeman had had hard work to get up the track far enough to give me the warning, so that I would have room to stop in. If I had been having one of those chats that you see in the pictures there would have been a grand smash-up, and I wouldn't be talking to you now."

"Some years ago when Robert Garrett was vice-president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, he came to Grafton, West Va., with a number of friends in a train made up of private cars bound west. He wanted to reach Parkersburg, the end of the next division, as fast as it was possible to run. This division—104 miles long—was the roughest on the whole road, which was saying a good deal at that

time. In the 104 miles there were 24 tunnels and 48 bridges, and the road went up hill and down through the whole distance. Some of the grades were over 120 feet to the mile and five miles long, not to speak of the sharp curves. Of course, fast time was almost out of the question.

"George Robinet, one of the fastest engineers on the road, had charge of the special train. The first stop was to be Clarksburg, 22 1/2 miles away. George took his train as fast as he could up the hills, and when he reached the top he would simply let it drop down the other side. He reached Clarksburg in 22 minutes with a party of thoroughly scared passengers. When the train stopped at the station Mr. Garrett came forward to the engine and thanked Robinet for his fine run, but said that he had changed his mind about being in a hurry to reach Parkersburg, and ordered him to proceed at a reduced gait. The fast run ended right there, and may be it was a good thing it did, for if he had kept on at such speed the train probably would have landed at the bottom of a ravine."

"Afterward, while Robinet was running a fast train on the Baltimore and Ohio, between Baltimore and Philadelphia, his engine jumped from the bridge crossing the Susquehanna river at Havre de Grace, Md. Nobody to this day knows what caused the engine to leave the track. It was one of the things for which there is no explanation."

"This bridge is fully 150 feet above the surface of the water, and has no sides at one part of it. There is just the under framework, with the cross-ties and rails laid on top. The train was going fairly fast at the time, and after leaving the rails the engine bumped along the cross ties for a hundred feet before coming to a stop, the guard rail being the only thing that saved the whole train from going over into the river. A glance out of a car window at this point is enough to make a person dizzy, so you can imagine the effect this had on Robinet. The experience caused his hair to turn snow white in a single day. But even that didn't make him lose his nerve, and to this day he is running one of the fastest trains over the same division."—New York Sunday Times.

## A KINGDOM OF GODS.

No Less Than 8,000,000 Worshipped by the Japanese.

Japan cannot yet be said to be a Christian country, remarked the Rev. George Mannington, in an address at the Congregational church, New Malden, though there is a great deal that is Christian in it, and large numbers of the people are really Christians.

Buddhism is certainly not the chief religion; Buddhism occupies that place, says the London Daily News.

Buddhism, he continued, is a very dreary sort of a religion, for it teaches that the chief purpose of man ought to be to deny himself his desires until he has none left; then he will be rewarded by losing his existence in nothingness. And yet Buddhism teaches much that is good. It says you must be truthful, pure, honest and sober, and you must not kill; you must put away covetousness, deceit, anger, pride, suspicion, ingratitude and cruelty to animals; you must reverence your parents, obey your elders and be ever calm, resigned and forgiving. The people believe that those who fail in these duties will be born again in the form of animals and pass through great sufferings. But those who fulfil them will be born again in a higher state than before. But while much of this teaching is excellent, the Buddhist worship is idolatrous.

The people prostrate themselves before idols, one of which, made of wood, is supposed to heal people of their ailments. If a man has a bad arm, for instance, he goes and rubs his right hand on the arm of the idol, and then with the same hand rubs his own arm, believing that healing virtue is communicated from the idol.

Another religion of the Japanese is called Shintoism. This teaches the worship of the sun goddess and her descendants, the Japanese emperors, or mikados, as they are called. Theirs are departed heroes and learned men are worshipped. So, also, are the ancestors of the people, as in China. Little tablets recording the names of the deceased are hung up in the homes, and the Japanese children are taught to pray to them. And in most of the homes may be found some of all that are known as the seven household gods—the gods of riches, food, contentment, long life, love, learning and fame. It is said that there are no less than eight millions of gods worshipped by the Japanese.

Praying is made very easy. In the streets are tall posts with prayers printed on them, and with a small wheel attached. Anyone passing by can give the wheel a turn, and that counts as a prayer. The people in the second largest of the 3850 islands of which the empire is composed worship the bear, and reverence the sun, moon, fire, wind and water.

## England's Worst Colony.

England's worst colony is undoubtedly British Honduras, situated at Central America, with a fine seaboard, fringing a large and wealthy country. It is not utilized by Great Britain and has no regular communication with the mother country. Its only connection with the outside world is by an occasional banana steamer from New Orleans or a leaky logwood schooner infested with cockroaches. The colonists are a community of hermits so far as the world is concerned. They have no cable communication with any part of the globe and they generally hear of a great event about six months after it has happened.

They celebrated King Edward's coronation on the day originally appointed for it and did not hear of his illness until weeks later. When at last the king was crowned his royal subjects in British Honduras were holding intercession services to pray for his recovery. Probably they are now rejoicing over the close of the Boer war, and in a month or two they will be exciting themselves over the Venezuelan blockade.—Boston Advertiser.

A farmer of New Jersey has just lost possession of what he says is the oldest plow in America. According to tradition the plow is two hundred and fifty years old, having been brought over by the Dutch to New Amsterdam in 1654. It remained in one family for over two hundred years and then was purchased at an auction sale by the father of the present owner. This, they say, is the plow which was used in breaking the ground for the famous Hackettstown-German Valley turnpike over which the revolutionary forces drew their cannon after the battle of Trenton, and when they were on their way to the defense of the famous Jockey Hollow road. It is built on the same principal as plows of today, except it has a wooden moldboard and a wrought iron share. All the nuts have tall burrs on them for tightening and loosening with a hammer, for in the old days there were no wrenches. There is but one handle which is to be held with the left hand, the right hand for guiding the horse.

Ernest Delinge, late secretary of Don Jaime de Bourbon, son of Don Carlos, pretender to the Spanish throne, was sentenced to ten months' imprisonment for pawning the famous jeweled necklace of Marie Antoinette, which descended to Don Jaime. The necklace originally belonged to Marie Therese of Austria, later passing to Marie Antoinette. Late Don Jaime had left it with his sister, Princess Alice de Bourbon. The latter missed the necklace and an investigation located it where it had been hypothesized for \$84,000. Delinge maintained that he was carrying out the transaction for Don Jaime, but the court held differently.

It is believed that before very long the Dead Sea will be exploited for industrial purposes. French engineers are at work on three different projects. The level of the Dead Sea being more than 1,300 feet below that of the Mediterranean and Red seas, it is thought by connecting either of these two seas by means of a canal with the Dead sea a stream of water would flow with a velocity calculated to produce some 25 horsepower. There is no danger, it is asserted, of an overflowing of the Dead sea, for the waters there evaporate at so great a rate (6,000,000 tons a day) that the incoming waters would make no appreciable difference in the level.

The mayor of a Russian village appeared before the council with face and head shaven, and declared that the shaving of face and head was a patriotic duty, and that Abraham had appeared to him and told him that hair on the head was a covenant of original sin, and that if Russia desired victory in the present war her sons must sacrifice their hair, mustaches, beards and eyebrows and even pull out their eyelashes. Each hairless Russian meant death to a hundred Japanese. The council thereupon immediately decided to imitate the patriotic headman, and the next day every man, woman and child in the district was absolutely hairless.

After a bitter clash between sentiment and commercialism in Worcester, Mass., a bank has secured the right from the town and begun the erection of a banking house upon the site of the abandoned cemetery where the grandparents and great-grandparents of President Garfield were buried. No effort has been made to remove the remains of the murdered president's forefathers. When members of the Garfield family were appealed to, they expressed a wish that the decision be left to the citizens.

The Japanese sword is usually wielded with both hands. The cutting plays a much larger part in their sword play than the thrust and point. They also fence with two swords at once, the long two handed weapon being held in the right hand, while the left uses the shorter and lighter blade. The fencer stands with his right foot forward and his sword held in both hands directly in front of him, its hilts at about the level of his opponent's eyes.

The word "dun," generally supposed to be derived from the French donkey, owes its origin, according to an English publication of 1708, to one Joe Dun, a famous bailiff of Lincoln in the time of Henry VII. Dun is said to have been so shrewd in the management of his unpleasant business and so successful in the collection of debts that his name became proverbial, and whenever a man refused to pay it grew into a prevalent custom to say, "Why don't you 'Dun' him?"

During the fiscal year ending last June, the New York postoffice received 1,354,902 sacks of "fully made up" mail, or 4,328 sacks each working day in the year, which the postoffice merely received at the door and sent away intact. During a single month forty-two publications in New York city sent in over 1000 sacks each. This amounted for the whole to 109,886 sacks, of which 83,345 sacks were "fully made up."

Earl Leonard, the man who had one of his fingers grated to his face for a nose, has been deluged with letters from young women who want to marry him.

H. H. GAWEN'S ROSS, of Atlanta, Ga., are the only successful Druggists Specialists in the world. See their liberal offer in advertisement in another column of this paper.

If a married man admits he's a fool it is his wife's duty to agree with him.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c. a bottle.

Don't trust to luck to do anything you can do yourself.

Piso's Cure is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of throat and lungs.—Wm. O. ENDSLEY, Vanburen, Ind., Feb. 10, 1900.

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Looms Large. Worried by the frequent appearance of typographical errors in his newspaper, a Kansas editor says that a typographical error is a hard thing to find in a proof, but in the printed and completed paper it looms up like a fat lady in a group of vegetarians.

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## THE LONG CORRIDOR.

By JOHN T. OSKISON.

When Edwin Dumble, son of old Richard Dumble, the millionaire brewer, fell in love with Henrietta Schouler, he knew that his father would oppose their marriage. He was a sophomore at Harvard, and Henrietta was studying music with Madame Frisnone in Boston. Mrs. Sears, the girl's chaperon and aunt, had warned the youth that the attachment must be broken. "Not that I or Mrs. Schouler object for you are a nice boy, Edwin; but your father would rather see you dead than allied to the Schoulers by marriage. Why? I can't tell you—go and ask your father."

So Edwin, hurriedly packing a bag, rushed to his parent's big New York office, hurried out the story of his love for the pretty music student and demanded the reason for the anticipated opposition. There was a quarter of an hour of storming—an incoherent denunciation by the old man of everything connected with the Schoulers, and a sweeping characterization of the family that brought the young man to his feet almost screaming with rage—before an explanation was offered.

Then old Dumble said, tersely: "Old Schouler was my secretary once. He married a woman of no family, an adventuress, who has been trying to get a hold on me ever since. This daughter has been shipped from St. Louis to Boston to study this fold-of-French singing, and—mark my words, my boy—and to take you in! In! You've been taken in, too, easily enough."

"But," the old man's voice was raised in anger, "you must not see that creature again!" "Creature!" cried young Dumble, starting up from his chair. "Sir, you must not say that again! Henrietta Schouler is the dearest, best girl on earth, and—"

"Edwin controlled himself with an effort. "There is no use wasting words between us," said the father, speaking quietly now. "I can never consent to your marriage with that girl—I cannot consent to have you see her again. Mrs. Sears agrees with me. Now, will you give me your word as a gentleman—as my son—not to try to see her if you go back to Cambridge?"

"No," replied the son. "I love Henrietta better than my own life. I shall marry her, whatever you say or do." Then, for a time, the two stood face to face. The father turned from his gaze and began to pace the thickly carpeted floor of his big office, and presently the son was measuring the opposite limit of the room. And so, for half an hour, at least, the old brewer stopped to face his son and say:

"I am quite determined that this marriage shall not take place. You would do well not to try to force it. I am prepared to go to any extent to prevent it. Now, go back to Cambridge with this thought before you always: I shall thwart every attempt you make to see the girl and will make it absolutely impossible for you to marry her. I hope you will recover from this madness."

The old man's tones were so even, so controlled, that the boy suspected a disposition to yield. He began to plead, saying that the girl was worthy, beautiful—everything desirable. But the thunder cloud began to gather, and the incoherent pleading was stopped.

"Go now, my son, before we quarrel further," said the old man, quietly. Young Edwin went back to Cambridge, leaving his father to an hour of fierce anger, then a night of active planning. When the rumble of the milk carts in the deserted streets announced the morning, the old man went home and to bed with a smile of confidence.

"It will be unusual, and a little hard to manage, but it won't hurt them!" he muttered before going to sleep.

Mrs. Sears, co-plotted with Mrs. Schouler, was entirely satisfied with the result of Edwin's visit to his father; the youth came back to her with a grateful pleading to be allowed to see Henrietta. But she had to deny him, she said. Her plan was to force an elopement, and the boy must be goaded to a very frenzy of desire. She privately determined to allow their next attempted meeting, which was due within two days. But when that time arrived she was thunderstruck to find that another plotter had entered the game; that Henrietta had been, in some inexplicable way spirited away from her home, half an hour before the young man made his back-yard entry to a deserted first-floor parlor.

As the youth opened the Seares' front door on the evening following his bugiarious entry, the girl's aunt met him, wild-eyed and distraught. "Oh, where have you taken Henrietta? where is the child?" Mrs. Sears was in an agony of fear.

"I?" queried the astonished boy. "I have not seen her for months. Oh! what has become of her—why did I not see her last night?" Mrs. Sears promptly fainted, and was given over to the care of her maid. Edwin could get nothing more from her. But he was determined to find Henrietta and marry her at once.

In a delirium of fear for the girl and rage at his own stupidity, he started to walk back to his rooms in Cambridge. He never got to them. He disappeared from the college world as completely as though the earth had opened to swallow him.

On the top of Cardigan Mountain, in New Hampshire, a stern-faced old man directed the labors of two score of workmen. This horde had suddenly

descended upon the peaceful hill village two days before, and straightway began the erection on the mountain top of a curiously divided, substantial structure, where, it was announced, a certain rich meteorological experimenter was to spend the winter and spring. It was a matter of snow formation and precipitation, it was said, in which Professor Butler was interested.

Two days from the appearance of the workmen, the last nail was driven and a train of wagons, loaded with a winter's supply of food and clothing, was started for the top. And that evening when the darkness blotted out every feature of the landscape the old man appeared with a clinging, frightened-looking girl, on the mountain top. On the next evening, the darkness blotting everything from view as before the old man brought up a younger man, to be, as he said, assistant to the professor. Then, with a corps of close-mouthed helpers, the experimenters shut themselves away from the world and were buried in the snow on the mountain top.

The mythical Professor Butler's experimental station was constructed in a peculiar way. Two low-roofed, solidly anchored structures, identical in size and shape, were set on the very edge of a precipice that dropped sheer 500 feet. Three walls of each structure were windowless, unbroken save by heavy doors—the third, fronting the precipice, had abundant light and ventilation. And between the two structures, opening into each, was a long, covered corridor, lighted from the north, but through which, when it was completed, no man could pass.

Old Richard Dumble, who had assumed the role of this strange corridor, and, pointing to the door that looked at the other end, said:

"In the room at the end of this long passage is the foolish young girl you profess to love better than your own life. This door here, as you see, is open, and will be left unlocked. Yonder door is likewise freely passable. But between these doors is this strange passage, through the floor of which, when either of you tries to pass, you will fall upon the rocks 500 feet below. I have had marked upon this passage floor the point beyond which you may not go without breaking through. On the girl's side I have taken the same precaution.

"I shall keep you both up here until you are tired of this farce you call loving. I can trust my keepers. I have everything ready to keep you a year if necessary. Whenever you are ready come to me and swear that you have banished all thought of Miss Schouler from your mind. I will have you both released, send you back to Harvard, and make a man of you."

"If, in reality, you love one another better than life, you have only to rush together through this passage to a romantic death. Rather than to see you mated with that girl, I would come up to this mountain when the snow is gone in the spring and gather your bleached bones off the rocks. You won't do anything so foolish, I know, and so good-bye, my boy, until you send for me."

The old man went out hurriedly, choking a little over the last words. A ponderous lock grated as the father's form disappeared through the door, and the boy turned to gaze, fascinated, down that fatal corridor.

Presently, as he watched, Edwin saw the form of Henrietta Schouler at the opposite door, and he started forward impulsively in an ecstasy of welcome. When the girl saw her lover, she, too, strained forward a pace, and then recoiled with a cry of terror. That tell-tale maker which the old brewer had showed her stretched its impalpable barrier almost under her feet.

On his side, Edwin approached the white line with an unnatural caution. With his toe on the edge, he felt the fragile floor quake and sway. He crept back to the doorway, a blind animal terror clutching him, and the sweat beading on his forehead. He stood for a moment gazing at the face framed beside his father's, in that other prison door. He stretched his arms toward the girl, and cried out to his father for pity. The man finished his talk to the girl and went out, paying no more heed to the boy's cries than to the wind that rattled the window frames.

Then, for the two young people, began the most curious imprisonment that a prosaic twentieth century chronicle has ever recorded. In an age that fostered intrigue and inquisition, old Dumble would have been a master plotter. Now he was a shrewd, rich old autocrat with a purpose in view which he was determined to accomplish as quickly as possible.

Thus reasoned the old man: "Once in a thousand cases, perhaps, a man and a woman will love one another better than life. In this practical age, though, the proportion may be cut down to one in ten thousand. What youth mistakes for the divine passion, lasting through and beyond the span of life, is the impatience of young years, the desire of a child for the moon, the changing whim of an eager age. Fan this quick flame to white heat and it will soon die to cold ashes. Now, if Edwin is of the nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine, he will soon wear out this love in daily sight of his desired one, and come back to me a wise boy; and no law will be broken—the girl will go unharmed. If he is the one in ten thousand, and the

girl is the one in five thousand (for that sex is certainly more impulsive), why then—but pshaw! he isn't."

The brewer knew humanity passing well, and watched his experiment with confidence. Old Schouler was wild at the disappearance of his daughter; the little world in which the Schoulers and Mrs. Sears moved was in a turmoil; but—old Richard Dumble's world had a wider orbit! No suspicion attached to the old man, and the world or that part of it that fretted over the young people's affairs, had to fall back upon the theory of an elopement.

Deserted by the world, ministered to by grim, close-mouthed servants, supplied with the comforts and amusements of normal young people—Edwin with books and gymnasium apparatus; Henrietta with music, the latest novel, embroidery—the two prisoners passed their days in maddening proximity. The corridor was far too long to permit the tender whisperings that lovers commonly use; indeed, there was always the howling wind as rival in any exchange of vows. But there was the language of signs, and eternal trust that could be expressed in a clutching at vacancy.

Books mocked the young man—what did they say but that love was always rewarded in the end. Music, such as she knew, spoke to Henrietta of love that blossomed in a free young breast, and here the blasts that whirled up that precipice face turned her plaintive notes to a thin wailing. The grim faces of the servants, passing in and out, silently, except for the jangling of the big keys, oppressed the spirits of both. A sort of desperate restlessness possessed the lovers—they paced their rooms, in and out of those corridor doors, up to the line beyond which it were death to pass; and a great despair came upon them.

Winter gave way at last to spring, and even on the lone mountain top, where the world stretched away from their view a thousand feet below, the new balm came to renew the lovers' passion. Not once had Edwin taken pen to write his defeat, not once had Henrietta failed to gain courage from a fresh sight of the man who loved her. Sometimes, in a lull of the everlasting mounting storm, they had called to one another to be brave and faithful.

The earth was released from the grip of the snow, and young leaves came out to clothe the trees on the beautiful New Hampshire hills. At last the little lakes that dotted a broad green valley shone up to the prisoners like bright jewels on a warm, full bosom. Life, throbbing, new, eternal, woke the flame of love to white heat. The decrees of man seemed impotent, unreal. Heaven sent love, the cry of man to maid, and of the spring to young hearts, swept the lovers' reason and fear to the winds. A great cry rang out from the boy's lips:

"My love, do you rear death?" And the answer, keyed to an exultant pitch, rang back:

"Not with you, my sweetheart!" "Ah—then come." With the words, Edwin sprang forward to meet the oncoming rush of the mad girl. One step over the white dead line, and the floor was creaking like thin ice. Two steps, and it was swaying like a showman's net. With the touch of hand to hand, the frail foundation splintered and fell with a crash, in which were mingled the terrified scream of the girl and the exultant cry of the infatuated lover.

"Sir, my master bade me give you this paper, whenever you appeared here." Dazed, uncomprehending, Edwin Dumble glanced up from a tangle of broken beams to see a close-buttoned, deferential servant at his side, extending to him a square folded paper. His eyes sought wildly for Henrietta. She was lying near him in an inconspicuous heap, looking about in a panic of wonder.

The youth opened the paper and read: "If you are the one in ten thousand, and risk death for the girl, you deserve her. Go and be married, and come to me at once. I hope you will not be hurt by the splinters."

"Splinters?" What kind of an after-death dream was this? Then young Dumble looked up to see the gaping hole in the corridor hardly six feet above the sawdust-covered ground on which he sat!—New York Evening Post.

The Causes of Cynicism. Cynicism is never a native quality of the mind. It always has its birth in some unhappy experience. The young man finds that the girl who has gathered up for him all the harmony and melody of earth rings hollow at the test, and he drops his lyrical language and becomes cynical of women. The citizen of Boston has naturally grown cynical of newspapers. The candidate for public office who has been definitely retired to private life by being "rained" at the polls disdains party politics. A man publishes a novel and thenceforth is cynical of the publishers of novels. Yet these misfortunes have their salutary aspect. The disappointed lover, generalizing bitterly upon the sex, is not always implacable. A cooler judgment tempers and restores his passion, gives it another object and so guides him to a safer if less gusty and emotional love. The citizen of Boston, the traveled candidate, the blighted young novelist, all have for their condition, even though they know it not, a valuable compensation, for the very event that has brought them to this pass of reasonable cynicism has stirred their indignation—yes, in spite of their seeming inertness. Indignation is now smoldering—Arthur Stanwood Pier, in Atlantic Monthly.

## COMING FOR MONEY

Panama Sends Her Commissioners for the Balance of \$9,000,000 Due Her.

FRANCE ALSO SENDS IN A BILL.

Claim for Work Done at Panama Since the Appraisal of the Property.

The commission appointed by the Panama congress which has just adjourned at the capital of the new republic has started for the United States.

The object of the commission is to receive the remaining \$9,000,000 from the United States government for land ceded under treaty and to confer with our experts over the project to place the monetary system of their country on a gold basis, practically identical with our own. If that is accomplished the coins and notes of the two countries will be interchangeable in the canal zone.

President Roosevelt has been informed that the Panama Canal Company is preparing to present a bill for something over \$1,000,000 for work done by that corporation on the ditch since the appraisal by our commission a year or so ago.

RAIDS ON NEW YORK POOL ROOMS.

Western Union Will Not Lease Wire to Them Hereafter.

Simultaneous raids on twenty-two alleged New York pool rooms and pool room exchanges were made by the police. At many places the police had to batter down specially constructed iron and steel doors and to gain entrance through barred windows. Seventy persons were taken and many telephones and telegraph instruments were confiscated, besides a number of books and racing charts that were found in the rooms.

President Clowry, of the Western Union Telegraph company, said that the abolition of the company's racing department announced by him on Thursday is to be permanent. He also said that the company will not lease wires to pool rooms. The company's branch offices at the race tracks will be maintained for the transmission of such messages as may be offered in the ordinary course of business.

"We have stopped our racing news service absolutely all over the United States, and we are doing no business in that line. We can not refuse messages that are filed with us in the regular course of business, because they contain racing news. We have to accept them and transmit them as common carriers."

ALABAMA COTTON.

Continued Drought and Cold Weather Have Retarded Growth.

In a statement Commissioner of Agriculture Poole tells of crop conditions in a number of southern states, especially dwelling on cotton conditions. The report says:

"There has been an increase of 6 per cent in the acreage of cotton. While this increase has been set aside for cotton the acreage actually planted has not reached an average crop, owing to the protracted drought during the entire spring. The stands are generally the poorest for many years."

"Rains have fallen in middle and northeastern Alabama, but not sufficient for the needs of the crop. Southeast Alabama has received little, if any rain, and the crops are suffering. Bugs, of some description, a new and unnamed species, have attacked the crop in southeast Alabama, and are doing some damage."

Fatally Injured.

Edward Foust was killed in the Louisville and Nashville railroad shops at Decatur. He was struck by a flying timber and lingered several hours before he died. His home was in Cullman county. He was a young man of exemplary character.

SHOT HIMSELF.

Tuscaloosa County Man Kills Himself Over a Love Affair.

News has been received from Taylorsville of the suicide of Orlando Hinton. It is said that young Hinton had just returned from the home of a young lady, with whom he is said to have been in love since childhood, and that today the young couple had planned to elope.

His father heard a pistol shot and thought that the son was shooting at a dog, but soon heard groans, when he hurried to where he found his son dead upon the floor with a bullet through his heart.

Fifty-five Engines.

The Baldwin Locomotive Works is rushing work on an order from the Japanese government for fifteen locomotives. They are intended for the Kobe railroad, and will be used in the transportation of troops and supplies for the war. This last order makes a total of fifty-five locomotives, built at the Baldwin works for the Japanese government, and they have been supplied in less time than any similar orders ever given the company.

TWO JAPANESE VESSELS SUNK.

And Russia Repulse Her Antagonists Near Feng Wang Cheng.

The loss of life incurred by the sinking of the cruiser Yoshino included Captain Sayeki and Commander Hirovateri. Of the crew the number of those lost is unknown.

Those who went down with the battleship Hattusue when she foundered were Commander Tsukamoto, Commander Viscount Niece and Commander Arimori. The Hattusue was surely sunk by coming in contact with a submerged mine, and not by the attack of a submarine boat.

The report that the battleship Shikishime was damaged and the battleship Fuji sunk is denied. The Japanese, numbering 20,000 men, came upon 32,000 Russians in a strong position on Monday, sixty miles west of Feng Wang Cheng. It being unwise to risk a battle, the Japanese retreated in good order and with great rapidity.

An unofficial Russian authority says a pitched battle was not fought, but rumor says there was considerable loss on both sides during the clashes with the Cossacks harassing the flanks of the Japanese. This division presumably was executing a reconnaissance. The pursuit was checked when the main body of the Japanese was rejoined.

This news apparently accounts for the withdrawal to an unknown destination of warships and transports from Tower Hill, ten miles north of Kai Chou, Liao Tung peninsula.

Admiral Togo reports that the battleship Hattusue sank off Port Arthur as a result of having struck mechanical mines. Naval men believe the battleship was sunk by a Whitehead torpedo fired from one of the Russian destroyers. The fact that a flotilla of sixteen torpedo boat destroyers approached the Japanese vessel showed, they say, that the entrance of the harbor of Port Arthur is again open and what is left of the Russian fleet there is intact.

Advices received at the Japanese legation from Tokyo confirming the Associated Press account of the sinking of the cruiser Loshino and the battleship Hattusue state that after the Hattusue had been struck by Russian mechanical mines, a Russian flotilla of sixteen torpedo boats and destroyers appeared, but were repulsed by the Japanese cruisers which saved 300 of the Hattusue's crew, including Admiral Mashiba and Captain Nakao.

ALABAMA IS HONORED

By the Selection of Major Screws as President of the National Editorial Association.

On the world's fair grounds, St. Louis, the National Editorial Association held its annual sessions Thursday. Colonel Watterson and Homer Davenport were the speakers.

The following officers were elected: President, Major W. W. Screws, of Alabama; first vice president, W. W. Folsom, of Arkansas; second vice president, W. J. Kline, of New York; third vice president, H. B. Varner, of North Carolina; corresponding secretary, W. A. Ashbrook, of Ohio; recording secretary, J. W. Cochrum, of Indiana; treasurer, J. Irving Steele, of Pennsylvania.

After the delegates had presented the names of their respective executive committees for the ensuing year the convention adjourned to meet next year at Guthrie, Okla.

Sale Ratified.

A decree was handed down by Judge Clark in the United States court ratifying the sale of the Lenoir City, Tenn., plant of the Southern Car and Foundry Company to Moore & Schley, of New York city, for the sum of \$60,000.

Harrison J. Barrett, on trial for conspiracy with General Tynes in the postoffice cases, said the greater part of the \$40,000 he made the first two years after he left the government service came from publishers who contested the order of the postoffice department in excluding certain publications from the mails as second-class matter.

It is reported that seventy thousand Russians are marching to the relief of Port Arthur, and the Japanese are consequently hastening offensive preparations. Forty-five thousand troops have already been landed in Chin Kiao, and Taitan Wan, thus entirely investing Port Arthur. The Japanese advance lines are seven miles from the Russian batteries.

A call has been issued by President H. L. McKee, of the Mississippi Business Men's League, for the assembling of representatives of the commercial bodies of the state in annual session at Jackson on June 20th and 21st.

Thirteen new national banks were launched in the south during April.

Harry Stillwell Edwards, of Macon, Ga., has been selected as representative of the south to make one of the four speeches seconding the nomination of President Roosevelt.

Hon. Peter Staub, of Knoxville, Tenn., minister to Switzerland under Cleveland, is dead. He was 76 and a few days ago was thrown in a runaway.

At Eastman, Ga., Robert Cawthorn has been convicted again of poisoning R. J. Tucker. He was given a life sentence.

## JAPANESE LOSE TWO SHIPS

One Battleship Sunk by Russian Mines, a Cruiser in Collision.

HEAVY BLOW TO MIKADO'S NAVY

July 300 Men, Out of Crews of 1000 Men, Saved From Death in the Double Disasters Off Blocked Harbor—Battleship Was One of Latest Pattern—Happened Off Port Arthur.

London.—In the midst of its victorious career Japan's navy has sustained a most severe loss off Port Arthur, one of her greatest battleships, the Hattusue, going down after striking a mine, and the powerful cruiser Yoshino sinking after a collision in a fog with the cruiser Kasuga.

Only ninety of the crew of 300 carried by the cruiser Yoshino and but 300 of the Hattusue complement of 741 men were saved.

According to dispatches received from various war centres it would appear that the battleship Hattusue fell victim to a Russian mine much in the same manner as the Japanese trapped and sank several Russian vessels.

After the Hattusue was destroyed, with Admiral Makarov, the Russians at Port Arthur attempted the same plan as the Japanese—that of sending out torpedo boats at night to place floating mines where the enemy had appeared a few hours before. Mines were especially planted off the Liau-Ti-Shan promontory, which was a favorable point from which Japanese armor clads bombarded Port Arthur.

It would appear that the Hattusue struck one of these mines, was partly crippled, signalled for help, but almost instantly struck another mine and went down.

Vice-Admiral Togo in his official report to Tokyo on the disaster to the Hattusue and Yoshino says:

"A report from Vice-Admiral Dewa says that the cruisers Kasuga and Yoshino collided during a fog off Port Arthur. The Yoshino sank, only ninety of her crew being saved."

"On the same day the battleship Hattusue struck a Russian mine and sank."

Giving details of the disaster, Vice-Admiral Togo says:

"At 14 minutes past 1 o'clock in the afternoon, in a deep fog off Port Arthur, the Kasuga rammed the Yoshino, sinking the latter in a few minutes. Ninety of her crew were saved."

"The same morning the Hattusue while cruising off Port Arthur, covering the landing of the soldiers, struck a mine ten knots southeast of the harbor entrance. She signalled for help and instantly struck another mine. She sank in half an hour. Three hundred of her crew were saved by the torpedo boats."

JAPS DRIVEN BACK.

Advanced Guard is Defeated By the Cossacks.

St. Petersburg, Russia.—The following report has been received from Gen. Kouropatkin, the Russian Commander-in-Chief in the Far East:

"Liaoning.—A party of Cossacks engaged a detachment of the Japanese advance guard in the mountainous district northward of Fengwangcheng. The fighting began at 8 a. m. and lasted until 2:30 in the afternoon. The Japanese were successively dislodged from four positions extending over twenty kilometers, and were pursued to Dalianys, eighteen kilometers north of Fengwangcheng."

"Our loss was six Cossacks wounded, two horses killed and eight wounded."

"We found no trace of the enemy in the Tsaohoka Valley as far as the road leading to Changoulin Pass, twenty-five kilometers north of Fengwangcheng, or in the Aibo Valley from the Saimatsa-Kuantien road as far as Dounsinlinsu, an area of twenty kilometers."

"A squadron of Japanese cavalry which left Kuantien for Saimatsa repulsed one of our patrols at Schaogou, fifteen kilometers from Kuptien. The patrol retired without loss."

The General Staff attaches importance to this Russian success against the western wing of the Japanese advance, believing that they have outflanked a movement that was destined to circumvent Gen. Kouropatkin by the new route of engagement as a great victory. They say that the Russians made four bayonet charges against the Japanese.

LOSSES ON THE YALU.

The Japanese Buried After the Battle 1333 Russian Corpses.

Washington, D. C.—The Japanese legation has received a despatch giving an account of the Japanese losses in the battle of the Yalu River, and of the guns, munitions, etc., captured there. It says:

"Gen. Kuroki reports the exact number of casualties in the battle of the Yalu on the Japanese side as 218 killed, including five officers, and 733 wounded, including thirty-three officers. Thirteen hundred and sixty-three Russian corpses were buried by the Japanese forces, and 613 Russian prisoners were taken. Guns and munitions of war captured consisted of twenty-one three-inch quick-firing field guns eight quick-firing machine guns, 1021 rifles, a number of horses and large quantities of ammunition, clothing, tents, etc. At Fengwangcheng quantities of ammunition, clothing and provisions were captured."

Democratic Electors Resigned.

James T. Woodward, Harry Payne Whitney and Isidor Straus, electors, resigned from the Democratic ticket on the decision of the Legal Committee that their relations with the government as national bank directors brought them within the spirit of the law.

Gas Suit Dismissed.

The suit of the Bay State Gas receiver against H. H. Jagers and others was dismissed in Boston.

## SOCIAL FEUD IN CHICAGO

Woman Discovers Rival's Husband to Be an Ex-Convict.

Mrs. Springer, Rejected by the D. A. R., Blamed It on the Lawyer's Wife and Set Out to Get Even.

Chicago.—A feud between two ambitious women has exposed a skeleton long hidden in the family of Julius A. Coleman, a successful attorney and author of the Mechanics' Lien law of Illinois.

Mrs. Coleman, his wife, is the State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a brilliant woman with an interesting family. She has written a history of the American Constitution, which is published this week in St. Louis.

Mrs. Warren Springer applied for admission to the D. A. R. and was rejected. Then she began war on the Coleman family.

Not a disbarment proceedings have been taken against Mr. Coleman before the Supreme Court of this State. It is alleged that in 1881 Coleman was found guilty of an insurance swindle in Indiana and sentenced to the penitentiary. The Grievance Committee of the Chicago Bar Association brought the proceedings. The charge against him is "evasive omission" in not mentioning the Indiana trouble when he signed an affidavit of good moral character which obtained him license to practise law here. Charges of extortion also have been made in the disbarment proceedings.

Mrs. Springer is the wife of a prominent real estate operator. She has taken a leading part in women's club affairs for ten years, and is at present President of the Illinois Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution, an organization distinct from the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Springer had a double interest in finding out all she could about Coleman, because a suit which the attorney brought against her husband was over property that she had decided to present to the local chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution. After this suit had been won by Mr. Springer Attorney Coleman had him indicted for perjury, and it was then that Mrs. Springer assumed, in self-defense, as she avers, the role of detective.

Charles C. Gilbert, who has undertaken to defend Coleman, says: "It is true that Mr. Coleman was convicted of crime in Evansville in 1881, but he was sick and could not defend himself. He was brought into court on a stretcher. He never went to the penitentiary, for he fled to foreign lands, and later returned and obtained a pardon. There has been no effort to conceal the conviction."

Coleman was accused of inducing a man named Richardson to insure his life for \$20,000 and disappear. Coleman escaped from the prison hospital. Mrs. Coleman nursed her husband through his trial, and when he escaped she supported her young family by her own endeavors.

Mrs. Springer collected all the evidence and obtained certified copies of the court records, and then began a movement to expose and disbar Coleman. He is now a man of middle age.

Mrs. Springer says: "This trouble grew out of my gift to the Daughters of the Revolution of the ground at Nos. 175-180 West Polk street for use as a playground and workshop for poor children. We knew nothing whatever of Coleman's past until a woman, a prominent member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which Mrs. Coleman is Regent, came to my house and informed me that Mr. Coleman was an ex-convict. She said that other facts could be had at Evansville. We collected the facts."

FOR A MENTAL SHOCK—\$40,000.

Bay State Supreme Court Sustains Verdict Against New Haven Road.

Boston, Mass.—A verdict of \$40,000 against the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, given to Frank J. Cashin, of Springfield, by a lower court for mental injury resulting from an accident, was sustained by the full bench of the Supreme Court.

The plaintiff was the victim of a collision at Avon, Mass., in which six persons were killed and about forty injured. It was contended that Mr. Cashin sustained a serious mental shock which has resulted in melancholia.

LIFE SENTENCE FOR \$3 THEFT.

Twice Oliver's Third Offense and Judge Takes Advantage of the Statute.

Mason, Mich.—Lewis Oliver, who with Frederick Lesage, stole \$3 and two hats from a butcher shop, has been sent to the Marquette prison for life by Judge Wist. It was Oliver's third offense for larceny. Judge Wist says that the statute provides that where a prisoner has been twice sentenced for felony and is again arrested he may be sentenced for life. He says a life sentence is not made mandatory, but he believes that in this case it is justified.

Knockout Blow to Poolrooms.

The most powerful blow ever dealt to the poolrooms of New York City was struck when the police in several precincts descended simultaneously on twenty-two suspected pool-rooms in Manhattan, arresting seventy prisoners and seizing 752 telephones, fifteen telegraph instruments and a large collection of racing charts and other gambling paraphernalia.



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## COUNTY TICKET.

For Probate Judge:  
A. P. LONGSHORE.

For Tax Assessor:  
J. S. PITTS.

For County Treasurer:  
W. E. HARRISON.

For Superintendent of Education:  
J. O. DOROUGH.

For Commissioner 1st District:  
J. E. DYKES.

For Commissioner 2nd District:  
JAMES M. ALLEN.

Where was Judge McMillan last Saturday?

The Democratic candidates are not only on the run, they are hiding out; just as we expected, can't face the truth.

The Sentinel has made so many charges and the Advocate has shown them to be erroneous, that the people won't believe anything the Sentinel says unless the Advocate endorses it.

The Sentinel charged that the Democrats turned over to the Populist sixteen thousand dollars. This was shown to be absolutely false. Why has the Sentinel refused to correct such a misstatement?

The Sentinel says the Democrats when they were in power made the railroads pay their road taxes. The facts are the Democrats never collected any road tax at all, and they never did anything else in the interest of the people.

Never under Democratic administration was an appropriation of \$5,000 made to pay for a map that has never benefited the county a twentieth part of that amount.—Sentinel.

Never under Democratic administration was there a map made, they refused to carry out the law.

We are glad to learn that the voters, regardless of party, are determined to find out the truth in reference to the charges made against the Populist administration. At Bay Springs quite a number were out and they seemed interested in hearing these charges discussed.

Never under Democratic administration did the railroads refuse to pay the tax levied against them by the administration.—Sentinel.

Never under Democratic administration was there a road tax levied, the Democrats thought the boys ought to work the roads and let the railroads go free.

Never under a Populist administration was a county officer paid \$25.00 more than the law allowed. This is what happened under the last Democratic administration, thereby showing their incompetency to manage the affairs of the county. Did you know this Mr. Sentinel? Call on Mc for full particulars.

Never under a Populist administration was there ever a time when the grand and petit juries of the county had to serve the county for a full term of the court and pay their board out of their own pockets and wait for months to get their money. And yet Mr. Sentinel all this did happen under the last Democratic administration when Mc was Judge. He remembers all about it for he had to wait to get his ex-officio fees, for there was no money in the Democratic treasury at this time.

Never under a Democratic administration was there ever a county map made for Shelby county. But as soon as the Populist took charge of the county, being wide awake to the best interest of the county, they immediately gave the people the desired map. The old bosses were content to run along in the same old rut, draw their salaries, pay the Democratic county paper from \$600 to \$700 a year to boost them and all was well. Did you know Carry that Jefferson, St. Clair, Etowah and other counties were just like our present administration, actually they made the same contract and had them one made also.

Never under Democratic administration was an unlawful transfer of thousands of dollars from the road fund made.—Sentinel.

Never under Democratic administration was there any money to transfer anywhere, the officers needed it themselves.

Never under a Democratic administration did the railroads refuse to pay the tax levied against them by the administration.—Sentinel.

No, I guess not, there was never a Democratic administration in this county who had enough nerve to levy either a road tax or a special bridge tax. Don't know why unless the Democratic railroad attorneys used a little grease at the proper time.

The Sentinel has been studying very hard to find out some way to deceive the people with, and has figured so much on the indebtedness of Shelby county that nobody pays any attention to its figures. He started at \$16,000.00 and gradually fell to \$7,000.00, and last week said the county owed several thousand dollars. That's right brother, keep on studying and while you are at it read the bible, watch as well as pray and you will get right after awhile.

When the Populist went out of power in 1892 they turned over to the Democrats \$6,326.57; the Democrats went ahead and spent all this money, collected the taxes and never spent a dollar on the public roads and done nothing to build up the county. Yet they have the cheek to go around and actually beg the people to vote for them. Why do they do this? Is it in the interest of the county? No, they just want to run their hungry claws up to their elbows in the county treasury.

A pertinent question is being asked over the county. Why is this road machinery still here? Why don't the Company move it away? The present administration has stated openly that they are not going to buy it. Every candidate on the Populist ticket has declared his opposition to the purchase of this machinery. There is but one answer. The Democrats must be figuring with the Company in some way, and that is the only reason we can see why the machinery is still kept here.

The Sentinel made some grave charges against the Populist Administration; the good people of beat two wanted to know the truth and invited both the candidates for Probate Judge to be present and address the people. Judge Longshore accepted the invitation and carried the records and was ready for the discussion, but Judge McMillan did not show up. The leaders were afraid for him to face the music; the tune that he would have had to dance to did not suit those who had made false charges.

How about that \$16,000.00 the Democrats left in the treasury on retiring? We are still doing all we can to find it, but so far we have made a glorious failure. The old bosses evidently used it in the 1892 campaign, for it has been missing every since. Now brother, your policy won't work; be a man and acknowledge that you have misrepresented the facts and you will feel better, look better and I am certain you will be better prepared to attend the funeral of your remnant of a party this fall.

We are informed by one who is inside the Democratic ranks and who has the information straight, that the Democrats are on the lookout for some one who is considered a strong Populist, to run for Clerk as an independent candidate. We suppose this accounts for the heavy assessment as made against their nominees; it is to buy some one to run independent. Just let them trot him out; one six-inch Populist shell will knock him out completely, and his wife can take the campaign fund given him and give him a decent burial.

The Sentinel is wasting time in trying to make the people believe that the Populist Party no longer exists. The Sentinel can't even make the Democratic candidates believe that. Go to Judge McMillan and the other Democratic candidates and they will tell you that it is the liveliest thing they have run up against lately. Go back six years ago and examine the files of the Chronicle and you will find that the same assertions was made then. No, the Populist party is not dead, but after November the Sentinel will join the Chronicle in the grave of oblivion, there to remain until the next campaign.

## Committee Call.

The Executive Committee of the Peoples Party of Shelby County is hereby called to meet at the Court-house in Columbiana, Ala., on Saturday, the 4th day of June, at three o'clock P. M. to transact such business as may come before it. The following are the new Executive Committee:

Beat 1—K H Davis, Jr., John C. Williams, John Mooney.

Beat 2—W M Connell, G W Busby, J D Whitten.

Beat 3—W J Nelson, J A Cook, J. T. Pilgreen.

Beat 4—R W Allen, N T Lucas, John M Fancher.

Beat 5—Robert Atchison, Fayette Bunn, John Harmon.

Beat 6—J B Griffin, M S Lee, L T Braswell.

Beat 7—Josh Crim, D C Nickerson, C M Wooten.

Beat 8—L R Kendrick, J L Gardner, Wm Cooper.

Beat 9—John F Hill, G R McEwen, John Stinson.

Beat 10—John Gill, C A Glaze, J A Blankenship.

Beat 11—H E Archer, R B Moore, W J Sewell.

Beat 12—J M Allen, I N Gilbert, R F Johnson.

Beat 13—E W Attaway, W P Cox, J A McDaniel.

Beat 14—E F Salser, Wm Weldon, J J Dorough.

Beat 15—S Z T Champion, R J Moore, J M Byers.

Beat 16—T M Clinkscales, A E McGraw, M F Holmes.

Beat 17—W H Pledger, W C Powers, W W Elliott.

Beat 18—J O Dorough, Wm Lowery, J H Dorough.

Beat 19—J D Stripling, N J Jarvis, W E Lovelady.

## Bay Springs.

Editor Advocate:—We were surprised on last Saturday on our failure to hear Hon. A. P. Longshore and McMillan in joint debate. The people down here have been hearing so much lately about the financial condition of our county and how much road machinery our Commissioners were buying, we all agreed to have a big picnic at old Bay Springs, beat 2, and invited the two candidates who are running for Probate Judge to come down and tell the boys about all this we have been hearing. Well, we gave special invitations to both, but only Judge Longshore came, and he brought his records with him and it seems to us like there have been some falsehoods told about our present administration, and we can now see why Mr. McMillan can not meet Judge Longshore.

Well, Mr. Editor, if I could not stand and face my opponent I would get out of the way and let a fellow run that can run. We are all going to vote for Longshore down here.

Old Sam.

## Crop of 1903.

Census bulletin No. 10 is at hand. It covers the work of the gins in the present cotton year—the crop grown in 1903, and ginned in the fall of that year and in the winter of 1903-04.

The Alabama crop grown in 1903 was 1,078,519 bales of five hundred pounds each. No larger crop was ever grown in this state except in 1901, when the state crop was 1,101,227 bales. The crop of 1903 was turned out of 3,876 active gins, the average product of the Alabama gins being 264 bales.

The value of the Alabama lint is put by the census bureau at \$57,392,655, or about 124 cents a pound. The number of pounds was 471,979,076, and each one can do his own arithmetic sum. The cotton seed of the crop amounted to 471,979 tons, worth \$7,509,185. The total crop of 1903 in this state therefore stands at \$64,901,840. The crop of Texas, Mississippi and Georgia only brought more money. The cotton seed oil mills of the state, fifty-eight in number, gathered 13,611 bales of lint, worth \$806,337, and they handled about 68 per cent of the seed crop.

The greater part of the bulletin is devoted to the production by counties. Dallas and Montgomery are the only counties in this state that produced over forty thousand bales, and Dallas' crop is increasing faster than Montgomery's, the former standing in 1903 at 43,503 bales, and the latter's at 41,183 bales. No other counties in this state approach these two, and Dallas seems destined to stand forth as the champion cotton growing county of this state. It is to us what Sumter county is to South Carolina, and Burke county to Georgia.—Age-Herald.

Judge S. M. Adams has resigned as the Democratic nominee for Judge of Probate of Chilton county. He was elected six years ago by the Populist of that county as Probate Judge, but on the 11th of April, 1904, received the Democratic nomination.

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## The Public Schools.

Bamford, Ala., May 19, 1904.  
To the Peoples Advocate:

I beg to submit to the people through the Advocate several well founded and established reasons why the people of Shelby county and of the whole State should vote for local taxation, to support the public schools:

1st. The present school funds are absolutely inadequate to meet the demand.

2 Because our annual appropriations will gradually become smaller and smaller on account of a rapidly increasing population.

3 Unless the schools can run longer than five months the teachers will have to abandon the profession or go to another State. Men cannot exist on a five months business, and the teacher is one leg of the three-legged stool, don't you see?

4 There is not a doctor or lawyer in the State who can support his family on five month's work, or any other man in any of the occupations of life, and in addition to this the people can never give their children a common school education with just five month's in each scholastic year.

5. Our present school system has been in existence about fifty years. Isn't it time that we ourselves were making some improvements. We are living in a progressive age, are we not?

6. The Constitution gives us the right to vote the tax of one cent on \$10.00 for the support of our schools. I believe that broad minded men who have the desire in their hearts to educate the rising generation will vote the tax and help up lift and develop the citizenship of a coming day, and first if not last have a hand in christianizing the world.

7. If better salaries are provided for teachers and longer terms the people can command professional and well gratified men and women as teachers for their children.

8. It is a little over two years before the Legislature meets again and we need the additional tax now and we cannot expect the Legislature to do more than the present appropriation for it will not be able to do so.

9. The native white illiteracy of Alabama is a little over 14%. Alabama spends less per pupil for education than any State in the Union. Let us then fellow citizens, vote the tax as soon as we have an opportunity to do so, and lift the reproach that is now upon us.

Yours for better schools,  
W. H. STUBBINS.

## Republican Committee Call.

The Republican Executive Committee of Shelby county is hereby called to meet at Calera, Ala., on Saturday, the 28th day of May 1904, at 2:30 P. M. for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Clerk of the Circuit court, Tax Collector, two Commissioners, and one Coroner for Shelby county, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Committee.

J. I. ABERCROMBIE, Chairman.  
E. B. FINCH, Secretary.

CURED HIS MOTHER OF RHEUMATISM.  
"My mother has been a sufferer for many years with rheumatism," says W. H. Howard, of Husband, Pa. "At times she was unable to move at all, while at all times walking was painful. I presented her with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and after a few applications she decided it was the most wonderful pain reliever she had ever tried, in fact, she is never without it now and is at all times able to walk. An occasional application of Pain Balm keeps away the pain that she was formerly troubled with." For sale by Williams Bros.

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Other Real Estate, 3,000.00	Due Banks, 2,263.00
Cash & with other banks, 43,119.84	
Total, \$69,902.61	Total, \$69,902.61

I, W. L. FARLEY, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. L. FARLEY, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this Jan. 1st, 1904.

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## Reflections of a Bachelor.

FROM THE NEW YORK PRESS.

The chief raw material used by the devil for his product of sin is envy.

It is very shabby of a woman to be handsomely dressed when the woman with her isn't.

Once in a long while a girl actually falls in love for the first time when there is a reason for it.

When a girl coughs it is not so much a sign that she has a cold as that she thinks somebody is looking at her.

Boys learn many things in college which can be very useful to them if they never try to use them. It's funny how a man likes to hear about the smart things your children say when he wants to borrow \$5 from you.

It's just as easy to marry a rich wife and then learn to love her as to marry a poor one and then forget to love her.

It makes a woman quiver with joy to think that if she were a duchess she could be haughty even to the cook.

## Joint Canvass.

To the Executive committees of the Democratic, Populist and Republican parties:

We the undersigned voters of Shelby county in view of the many reports circulated in our county as to the financial condition of our county and the reported purchase of road machinery ask your honorable bodies to arrange for a joint canvass of the various beats of the county in order that we may hear a full discussion of these matters and learn the truth as to all these reports, as we believe a full and fair discussion of these matters before the people will enlighten the voters as to the true condition of our county.

J. D. Whitten, W. M. Connell, I. P. Vinson, J. P. Phillips, James Hope, H. G. Jones, D. F. McCall, R. H. Connell, F. M. Connell, Robert Eatris and Dave Curtis.

## Announcement.

We, the many friends of John R. Dyke, after personally consulting the Republicans in Beats 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 18, and hearing from Republicans over the county and knowing him and his business ability, take pleasure in announcing him as a candidate for Circuit Clerk of Shelby county, subject to the action of the Republican party.

S. H. Collins, T. A. Adams, J. Y. Davis, H. M. Isbell, A. C. Partridge, J. N. Howard, W. G. Weldon, John Fulmer, J. W. Fulmer and W. S. Fulmer.

## Notice!

Application will be made to Hon. W. D. Jelks, Governor of Alabama, to remit a forfeiture taken on a bond signed by Will Moore, defendant, and J. E. White, J. P. Roberts and M. L. E. German, surties, at the February Term of the County Court of Shelby county; the amount of the forfeiture against said Will Moore, and J. R. White, J. P. Roberts and M. L. E. German was for three hundred dollars.

MRS. M. L. E. GERMAN.

## Iron Gray John.

I will stand him this spring season for \$8.00. Will insure colt; no colt no pay. Kind and easily managed; heavy weight. Will stand him on the Adkinson farm.

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# THE PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE

## SOCIAL AND LOCAL NEWS.

W. J. Sewell, of Weldon, was in town Saturday.

Dr. C. T. Acker spent Monday in Birmingham.

Will Smith, of Wilsonville, was in town Monday.

J. A. Cates, of Wilton, was in the city Tuesday.

J. L. Peters was in Montevallo Saturday and Sunday.

Master John Strickland is visiting relatives at Pelham.

Melle Wilson, has a position with J. R. White as salesman.

Chickens are getting plentiful in and around Columbiana.

G. R. McEwen and W. F. Bridges were in the city Friday.

W. B. Browne spent Wednesday in Montgomery on business.

Miss Lallee Tice is visiting relatives and friends in the city.

A. W. Strickland spent a few hours in Calera last Saturday.

John F. Hill, of beat 9, was in town last Thursday on business.

R. E. Bowden, of Hardyville, was in the city Friday on business.

C. C. Anchors, of Selma, visited relatives here Sunday and Monday.

W. E. Harrison, of Montevallo, was in town Friday and Saturday.

Miss Melissa Howell, of Goodwater, is visiting friends in the city.

Wm. Seale, of near Shelby, was among the visitors in town Saturday.

W. D. Bailey, of Vincent, was in the city a short while last Friday.

Miss Carrie Rowe is visiting friends at Tuscaloosa for a few days.

Mrs. Max Letkovits is visiting relatives in Bessemer for a few days.

John Millstead, of Wilsonville, was in the city a short while Saturday.

Fred H. Hardy, of Saginaw, was among the many visitors in town Friday.

A. P. Longshore, Jr., spent Tuesday at Marion with relatives and friends.

Jim Millstead, of St. Louis, Mo., is visiting relatives and friends in the city.

E. S. Lyman, of Montevallo, was in town Friday and Saturday on business.

Percy Pitts has a position with the Columbiana Mercantile Co., as salesman.

Miss Annie Longshore is attending the commencement at Marion this week.

Mrs. C. W. O'Hara returned Sunday from a visit to relatives over at Saginaw.

Mrs. J. F. Norris visited relatives at Longview last Thursday and Friday.

S. J. Evans, of Calera, spent a part of Saturday and Sunday here with friends.

County court adjourned last Friday afternoon, after being in session five days.

Rev. G. T. Harris filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday.

The base ball boys gave an ice cream supper at the Central Hotel last Friday night.

Miss Marie Redding, of Longview, visited relatives in the city a few days this week.

Miss Pearl Norris returned Saturday from a visit to relatives at Talladega Springs.

Miss Gertrude Glazner is visiting relatives at Alpine and Sycamore for a few days.

Mrs. H. E. Whitaker returned Saturday from a weeks visit to relatives in Montevallo.

Mrs. W. F. Davis spent a short while in Montevallo last Friday with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Simon Friedberger and children are visiting relatives down at Catherine for a few days.

J. W. Bandy, of Montevallo, spent a part of Saturday and Sunday in the city with friends.

Judge A. P. Longshore is down at Marion this week attending the closing exercises of the Judson Institute of which his daughter, Miss Lallage is a student.

W. L. Farley is in Chattanooga on business.

Mrs. T. L. Seale, of Calera, is visiting relatives in the city.

Mrs. T. P. Lane returned Monday from a visit to relatives in Birmingham.

Dr. J. J. DuBose, of Burnsville, visited relatives here last Thursday and Friday.

L. N. Bowden and wife, of Calera, spent Friday in the city with relatives and friends.

Mrs. S. A. Robertson, of near Wilsonville, visited relatives here a few days this week.

Mrs. W. B. Browne, Miss Myra and Chester Browne are visiting relatives in Montgomery.

J. W. Mathis, of Calera, was in the city Tuesday and renewed his subscription to the Advocate.

Columbiana has a fine ball team this year, and will play any team in Shelby or adjoining counties.

Misses Myrtle and Willie Chapman, of Montevallo, are visiting relatives and friends in the city.

Rev. H. M. Millstead and little son, Pierce, spent a part of last Thursday and Friday in Anniston.

T. P. Lane, W. W. Wallace, Jr., J. N. Robertson and Ose Bird spent Wednesday trip on Coosa river fishing.

Miss Robbie Wallace, who has been visiting relatives in the city, returned to her home at Klein Tuesday.

Mrs. F. M. Johnson, who has been visiting the family of J. T. Cromwell, returned to her home in Bessemer Monday.

Several people from Wilsonville and Shelby attended the Hobson entertainment at the College Hall last Saturday night.

Mrs. A. Friedberger, who has been visiting relatives in the city for some time, returned to her home at Talladega Sunday.

Mrs. T. P. Roberts, after spending a few days with relatives in the city, returned to her home in Anniston last Thursday.

W. A. Tallant, who has been visiting relatives in South Alabama, has returned home, and is at Shelby Springs for the summer.

Harry Roberts left Wednesday for Bessemer, where he will pitch for Decatur against that place. Harry will pitch for Decatur this season.

The entertainment given by Miss Georgia Ray MacMillan at the College Hall last Thursday night was a success and enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. E. W. Bort, while getting out of the bus at her residence on North Main street last Tuesday afternoon, had the misfortune to fall and get bruised up considerably, but we learn not very serious.

A protracted meeting is in progress at the Methodist church this week. The pastor, Rev. G. T. Harris, assisted by Dr. Newman, of Talladega, are conducting the services.

The Columbiana ball team went down to Montevallo Monday and crossed bats with them at that place. It was a nice game of ball and enjoyed by all who attended. The final score was 5 to 1 in favor of Columbiana.

Among those who went down to witness the ball game between Montevallo and this place, Monday afternoon were, W. F. Davis, J. S. Pitts, Phillip Erlick, Ose Bird, E. D. Hall, J. N. Robertson, W. R. Lawley, E. T. Norris, J. H. Mason, J. B. Farrell and several others.

Capt. Richard P. Hobson, the hero of the age, delivered one of his famous lectures at the College Hall in this city last Saturday night. He was greeted by a large audience, which filled the hall to its full capacity. The distinguished orator and naval constructor held the audience spell bound for two hours, and the theme of his speech has caused many citizens to begin thinking on that line. Capt. Hobson received a warm welcome in our town, and our citizens feel proud of this distinguished Alabamian.

You can mostly always tell when a girl is bored with you by the way she pretends to be interested in you.

You can never make a woman see that it is better finance to earn \$5 and spend \$4 than to earn \$10 and spend \$9.

There's a lot of satisfaction in lending your wife money out of her allowance.

When a woman isn't afraid of her cook it's a sign she is a mighty poor one.

## Picnic and Basket Dinner.

There will be a picnic and basket dinner at Brown's mill on the 2nd Saturday in June. There will also be public speaking, and the Executive Committee of the various parties are invited to arrange for a public discussion of the political issues of the day.

J. J. JACKSON, Superior.

On Thursday, the 12th inst., the messenger of death visited our little town and claimed the loving little three-year-old daughter, Maggie, of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis. The funeral services were conducted Friday at Macedonia Baptist church by Rev. Green Walker. May the Alwise and supreme creator heal up the wounded hearts of the bereaved family in their deep troubles.

REV. N. J. JARVIS, From Beat Two.

Editor Advocate:—Please allow me space your paper to say a few things in reference to the memorial exercises held at Bethlehem church on the 8th day of May, 1904. The people from the surrounding county began to arrive at the church from early in the morning till almost noon; some had come from a far, all come with the same purpose, and that was to scatter flowers on the graves of loved ones, who had crossed over the river and gone to their eternal rest. And while it was a sad occasion, it wasn't without some pleasant memories. The cemetery is one of the largest and best kept in the county, and the manner in which it is looked after and preserved is a credit to the substantial citizenship of that community. The exercises commenced at about 10:30 by an address of welcome by Mr. A. H. Merrill, and quite a number delivered short but appropriate addresses, interspersed by songs by an interesting choir of young people. It was a very interesting occasion and one long to be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to attend these exercises. The dead should not be forgotten, and the people around Bethlehem have shown that they still remember their loved ones who have crossed over the river to the beautiful shore of rest.

A VISITOR.

One of the greatest blessings a modest man can look for is a good, reliable set of bowels. If you are not the happy possessor of such an outfit you can greatly improve the efficiency of those you have by the judicious use of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are pleasant to take and agreeable in effect. For sale by Williams Bros.

Pelham.

Our Sunday school is improving very rapidly, taking in new members every Sunday, we hope everybody will become interested in the Sunday school and do their part toward making it a success.

The Pelham High school will soon be out.

The Missionary society is about to play out.

The farmers of this place are looking very long-faced owing to the dry weather.

On the morning of May 16th 1904, the death angel visited the home of J. M. O'Dell, and claimed for its victim his wife, Francis. Her death was sudden and unexpected she having gotten up, prepared and eat a hearty breakfast and in a few minutes fell from her chair dead with heart failure. She had lived in this neighborhood nearly all her life and has been a member of the Methodist church for a number of years. She was a woman of noble character and purpose. She leaves a husband and a large circle of friends and relatives who sincerely mourn her death. She is now waiting for them in glory, she can't come to them but we can so live that we can meet her in that great beyond where pain nor sickness or death and farewells are no more. Her remains were laid to rest in the Allen cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Slaughter. We extend to the bereaved husband our heartfelt sympathy in his sad hour of bereavement.

SKOOKS.

NOTICE.

I have taken up one dark mare mule about 12 or 14 years old. Broke well except to plow. The owner can get her by paying for this notice.

A. P. LONGSHORE.

Dairy Farm for Sale.

I desire to sell my entire dairy business, and will sell at public sale Friday, the 17th day of June, 1904, for cash. Any person that wants to make \$50.00 per month will do well to buy me out.

E. A. ROY, Helena, Ala.

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## Jackson's Mill near Vincent.

Health of community very good with few exceptions.

J. C. Shrader and J. A. Blankenship attended County court at Columbiana last week.

Mex L. Sharbutt transacted business down at Creswell Thursday last.

Several of our people attended the singing at Mt. Tabor Sunday.

Luther Green, of Creswell, visited relatives in our community one day last week.

W. A. Hammond transacted business up at Vincent Thursday afternoon.

D. W. Sharbutt attended the bed side of his brother in law, Arthur Logan, who is quite ill at Birmingham last week.

J. A. Blankenship and a part of his family attended the singing at Mt. Tabor Sunday.

Two of our boys went down to Creswell Sunday for an afternoon call. How about it B. and L?

There was to have been a singing at Mr. Wyatt's Sunday night, but as Wild Bill was too tired and sleepy to be present, and consequently he doesn't know anything about it.

Misses Hester Sharbutt and Effie Blankenship were seen at Mt. Tabor Sunday.

Benjamin Smith, of Yellow Leaf, is visiting relatives and friends here and is expected to make this his future home.

Mr. Gossip and family attended the singing at Mt. Tabor Sunday, they also reported a very nice time indeed.

William Weathers, of Klein, spent Sunday in the city with his mother, Mrs. I. C. Shrader.

Mrs. Robert Bazemore is very ill at this writing. We wish for her an early recovery.

Mex L. Sharbutt attended the singing at Mt. Tabor church near Weldon Sunday and reported a very nice time indeed.

Several of our good citizens attended divine worship at Harpersville Sunday.

Hurrah for old "Skew Ball" come oftener chumie, I'd about decided you had turned Democratic sure.

Sunday certainly was a pretty day and a lot of us made good use of it to be sure.

Mrs. Macon, of Vincent, spent Saturday night and Sunday here with her son, John Macon.

J. M. Green and wife and little daughter, Zady, of Creswell, spent Sunday here with D. W. Sharbutt and family.

Mr. Editor, can't you send us some of your idle clerks to chop cotton for us as we need help very badly?

Politics are not boiling very much around here of late.

We need a church more than anything else right now.

Well, we are still having cool nights and no rain. Cotton looks as if it will die, old folks say it beats all they ever saw.

Well, as it is getting so late and father said those bushes in the new ground must be cut, and the water melon patch must be hoed. I will close for this time.

WILD BILL.

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A STARTLING TEST.

To save a life, Dr. T. G. Merritt, of Mehoopany, Pa., made a startling test in a wonderful cure. He writes, "a patient was attacked with violent hemorrhages, caused by ulceration of the stomach. I had often found Electric Bitters excellent for acute stomach and liver troubles so I prescribed them. The patient gained from the first, and has not had an attack in 14 months." Electric Bitters are positively guaranteed for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Constipation and Kidney troubles. Try them. Only 50c at Williams Bros., and J. W. Bandy Drug Company.

A woman gets afraid she is not a good wife unless she worries herself sick every once in so often lest her husband will break down from too close attention to his office.

## Redlawn.

Great scott how hot.

On account of dryweather the farmers of our community have a poor stand of cotton.

Rev. C. W. O'Hara filled Rev. J. D. Martin's appointment at Four-mile Saturday and Sunday.

E. B. Lyon, who has been confined to his bed for several days with mumps, we are glad to state is out again.

J. N. Stinson and wife, of Beeswax, spent Saturday night with Lucious Baker and wife.

Blumer Minor attended the Hobson entertainment at Columbiana Saturday night.

D. S. Wingard, George and Calvin Archer spent Saturday night on Yellow Leaf fishing.

Mrs. Emma Harkins, of Gadsden, was visiting Jas Smith the latter part of last week.

Misses Rosa and Claudie Hughes spent Saturday and Sunday in Wilsonville with friends.

Pickens Minor and daughter, Oma, attended the Quarterly meeting at Mt. Chappel Saturday and Sunday.

Prof. John Hughes paid our city a visit Friday.

J. F. Baker the photographer, was out driving and smiling Sunday evening.

J. D. Baker and wife was visiting relatives in Wilsonville Sunday.

Bob Duran, of Palmetto, Fla., visited relatives in our community a few days last week.

E. W. Holland passed en route to Mt. Chappel Saturday to attend Quarterly Conference.

Well, in conclusion will say, news is scarce as you already see, but we wish to say that Fred is still a true Populist, and we feel assured that on the 8th of November next, that old beat 9 will roll up her usual majority for true democracy. And we wish to say to all Populist the county over to awake to her duty, and work until the polls are closed on November 8th, and the victory will be ours.

FRED.

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Summer Hill.

Health of community very good

Owing to the sickness of Rev. Busby's brother, Rev. Crowson preached Saturday and Rev. Seaggs Sunday.

Miss Lula Holcombe is visiting relatives in our community.

Rufus Dyke was the happy escort of Miss Linnie Cameron Sunday.

Cliett Nelson, of Columbiana, and Miss Jessie Comer, of Shelby Springs, attended services here Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Phillips left Sunday for Greensboro, where she will visit relatives.

Mrs. T. M. Nelson, of Columbiana, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Susan Steele is reported very sick. We wish her a speedy recovery.

It was announced Sunday that Prof. W. H. Farr, of Lynch, will sing here next Sunday. Everybody is invited to come and bring a well filled basket. We will appreciate Mr. Farr being with us next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Nelson, of Columbiana, attended services here Sunday.

Taylor Finley and sister, Miss Annie, of Mt. Olive, attended services here Sunday.

Quite a number of our people attended church this week.

Jerry Reynolds and wife, of Dry Valley, visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Bonnie Bearden visited Miss Bessie Johnson Sunday.

Wilson Parker and family attended services here Sunday.

Rev. J. E. Dykes and wife attended services here Sunday.

Miss Annie Nelson is visiting relatives here.

B. T. Johnson visited his family here last week, but we don't know their names.

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## Dyke's Mill.

Rev. J. B. Miller, Presiding Elder of this District, preached an interesting sermon here Sunday.

Our Sunday school is progressing very nicely, with Rev. E. S. Spruell as Superintendent. Let the older people turn out and lay aside the cares of life, and take a part in the Sunday school and show to the young folks that we regard the Lords day and His work.

Rev. W. A. Wileman and Charley Stone were the guests of L. F. Bradshaw Sunday.

Miss Cassie Andrews, of Moody, is visiting friends and relatives here.

S. M. Patmon, of Taylorsburg, visited S. H. Collins Saturday night.

Mike Hambricht was the guest of Miss Pearl Bradshaw Saturday night.

Tra Howard was the happy escort of Miss Mollie Collins Sunday.

Well, the crops are very sorry for the time of year, cotton is scarcely big enough to chop, corn is small.

Things are getting a little dull here owing to the price of lumber going down and everything seems to be getting on the back ground.

TAR HEELS.

Cedar Grove.

Will Smith and Miss Annie Wyatte were happily united in matrimony Sunday evening at the home of the bride, W. F. Wyatte's. The solemn ceremony was performed by Dr. Slaughter, of Helena. The bride and groom left Monday for Birmingham where they will make their future home.

We heartily congratulate Mr. Smith for gaining the honor of winning the heart of one of our most popular young ladies. We wish them a happy and successful life.

K. B. Nickerson was out driving with one of his girls Sunday and did not make the intended round in time for the wedding, but was on hand for the cake, so we believe he was not disappointed.

John Lacy, of Selma, was with us Sunday.

PETE.

QUICK ARREST.

J. A. Gulleger of Verbena, Ala., was twice in a hospital from a severe case of piles causing 24 tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It conquers aches and kills pain. 25c at Williams Bros., and J. W. Bandy Drug Co.

A Letter From Texas.

Postville, Texas, May 9th, 1904

To The Peoples Advocate and its many readers, I will write you to let you no how Texas is. We have a fine country out here, land is good, crops look well, and land is as cheap as a man could ask for.

We have had plenty of rain this spring, though we are fairly up with our work, I want to give hoop to the Populist party at home. Stick to the rack boys and you will come out all right.

Well, Mr. Editor I sure do enjoy getting the Advocate, it is just like getting a letter to me from my friends. I will close. Success to the Advocate and its many readers.

S. H. W.

AN OPEN LETTER.

From the Chapin, S. C. News: Early in the spring my wife and I were taken with diarrhoea and so severe were the pains that we called a physician who prescribed for us, but his medicines failed to give any relief. A friend who had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy on hand gave each of us a dose and we at once felt the effects. I procured a bottle and before using the entire contents we were entirely cured. It is a wonderful remedy and should be found in every household. H. C. Bailey, Editor. This remedy is for sale by Williams Bros.

Alabama Sunday School Association.

The twenty-first Annual Convention of the Alabama Sunday school Association will be held in the city of Anniston, Ala., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 8, 10, 1904. The basis of representation is as follows, to wit: Five delegates at large from each county, all ministers of the gospel, the Superintendent and two delegates from each Sunday school. The railroads of the State have granted reduced rates to delegates attending the Convention. Each delegate desiring to obtain the reduced rate must purchase a ticket to Anniston at the regular tariff rate and at the same time procure from the ticket agent a certificate of standard form. If through ticket can not be procured at the starting point, the person should purchase to the most convenient point at which such ticket can be obtained and there purchase to Anniston, procuring a Certificate From Each Agent From Whom A Ticket Is Purchased.

Tickets for the return home will be sold at one-third the first class tariff fare plus 25 cents to persons holding certificates properly signed by the officers of the Convention.

Delegates will be entertained by the Sunday school workers of Anniston. The Chairman of Entertainment Committee, L. H. Carre, Anniston, Ala., earnestly requests that the names of all delegates be sent him before June 1st.

## From Little Beeswax Bridge.

To the farmers and men that fill the soil:

It is strange to me that men, and men that claim to be intelligent can cast their lot with a party that will not let no man get nominated who will spend a little fortune to get nominated. In the first place, why did Brother R. B. Comer spend over ten thousand dollars and all the balance of the state and county officers a snug sum; two reasons, only one was to place themselves in the position to get a great big pile out of the money powers or spend their wealth to do something for the poor common man? Where has all the best and wise men sprang from? The farmer. Do they spring from the lap of luxury? Have the cradle of the millionaires rocked, the noblest men and women of this country. Have the wives of the millionaires been the happy mothers of the great inventors and great educators of this land? Have the tender hands of wealth gone out into the wild forest of America and caused her to blossom as the rose? Have the daughters of the millionaires made the sweet faced wives and lovable mothers of this country? Have the sons of wealth been found foremost in the ranks of our armies, fighting the battles of this beloved land? Go gather around you from every quarter of the earth the rich who are found foremost in any of these great undertakings and you will find but a small number of this class knock at the door of farm and ask the keeper of records. To bring out the journals of time wherein is recorded the names of the common people. March out from the ranks of this country and you will find humble homes with proud occupants, whose virtues are as white as the driven snow. Take the man of wealth and all he has to do is to knock at the door of commerce and if he be stubborn he batters down her doors; with his courage of gold, who is to blame for this? Oh! you ye dears the salt of the earth, as ye meekly permit him to snackle your hand and foot and lead you to the polls and cast your votes to make laws that govern you. We permit those demagogues to fill all the offices in the land and make injunctions so binding that you dare not trample upon her unholy mandates for fear of being shot down like dogs. You, the common people, who have bravely felt the sting of poverty, all the hard things of life, sit idly by and scamp away like children, at her bidding as ye make your bed, so shall ye be then; do not whimper at the laws of your land when they hang a millstone about your neck and crush you under its ponderous weight. You are the salt of the earth, you and your own hand, ye are destroyed; you and your door, neighbor are competent to fill the offices that you are elected to; those starch bosom shirt and self concealed men of wealth to fill the offices; the men that produce the wealth of the land, you cast your votes for plutocracy, that cause you and me, the common man, but we fail to cast our votes for men of our own kind, and still we persist in cursing our own fate.

Was it not for the wealth producer that turned the common man, who would stalk through the land with ghostly tread and the rivers of commerce would dry up and the ships of trade would cease to run and we would hear no voice of the rumbling trains and everything would die? It wasn't for the common man, but the deceitful politician with all his Democratic deception, will call at your humble home and you will throw wide your doors of hospitality to him and he will endeavor to make you believe that you are his rival. Why does he do this? Only to get your vote. Then we drop out of his mind until he needs your services. Do you know the common people have it in their power to make men do their will. Then why do we bow at the will of men that never produce any wealth, but just speculate on that we make. Then why should we whimper in the very presence of wealth and permit these ghostly whines of plutocracy to enjoy the labor of our hands; if it because we don't vote for men of our own kind that has had some experience and knows the needs of common men. We ought to lay a heavy hand on the necks of those little 2x4 men with starch bosom shirts, men that love to lay on the shoulders of men. The time is ripe for awakening of the common man; plutocracy is fast at work preparing shackles for you and me; then let us arise and put on the armor and defend the men who produce the wealth for it is our duty. Let us hold by faith and after the National Convention it will be revealed to us. We need not look to the Democratic party for anything, but straddle form and compromise candidates, because they are not doing anything but looking after the interest of party, but if they can't fight it out on principles we can never expect anything from compromise. Men, let's throw wide the gate of equal chance and learn those old stump suckers that we are here. When we get so rotten that they can't stand before the masses and debate the living issues, but the grand old Democratic party has not got any platform nor any principles to debate; she has got to wait until the great moguls get up a platform.

OLD SKEWBALL.

Notice to Taxpayers.

Notice is hereby given that the books of assessments for the current year has been prepared by the Tax Assessor and is ready for inspection by the tax payers, and that the Court of county Commissioners will sit on the second Monday in July to examine the Assessor's returns and to correct any errors therein.

This May 1st, 1904.

A. P. LONGSHORE, Judge of Probate.

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Ex-Senator M. C. Butler.

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## WOMAN IN MEDICINE. THE RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS SHE NOW HOLDS.

Cases of Prejudice Against Women Practitioners Excite Comment—Proof of Their Rarity—The Advance In England—India Absorbs Hundreds of Women.

The last report of the United States Commissioner of Education gave the number of women studying medicine in this country as 1,219. The number seems insignificant compared with the 25,538 men medical students reported, and in consideration of the growing regard in which women doctors are held, it may be said that the last remnant of prejudice against them has vanished in the United States, and, with occasional exceptions, in England. The case of Dr. Ethel Vernon occupied a good deal of space in the London papers recently, showing the rareness of prejudice there. Dr. Vernon was appointed to fill a vacancy in the staff of the Western Dispensary, Westminster, but her appointment was cancelled at the end of six weeks because the honorary consulting surgeon, a man of high standing in the profession, resigned rather than serve with a woman. It was frankly admitted that Dr. Vernon's qualifications were higher than the man's whose name had been proposed for the appointment, that she was very popular with the rest of the staff and with the patients, and the Board of Governors came in for considerable criticism from medical men. The consulting surgeon's triumph was voted an altogether unenviable one.

In an article written by Dr. Helen McMurchy of Toronto, Canada, in American Medicine, tribute is paid to the courtesy shown by many men doctors from the beginning. "It is not to be forgotten that if women have learned the art of healing, man have taught it to them, in the first instance, at least. Many medical men did this willingly and cheerfully, some did it con amore, with a generous enthusiasm." A notable instance given is the founding of the London School of Medicine for Women. In 1859 five women applied for admission to the medical college of the University of Edinburgh, and regulations were passed permitting them to enter. The Senatus Academicus, however, refused to arrange for the instruction of the women, asserting that the University Court had exceeded its legal power in admitting them. The five women brought action against the university, but lost on appeal. They then went to London, where they found a friend in one of the prominent physicians then in practice, Dr. Anstie. He was not only a distinguished practitioner and writer, but possessed great personal influence. In his house was held a private meeting, at which was founded the first medical school for women in Great Britain. Dr. Anstie had drawn so many eminent men and women to the meeting that the success of the movement was assured, and within a few weeks the school was started, with twenty-three students and a remarkable staff of instructors. Before the first class had finished its course hospital instruction in the Royal Free Hospital was secured for women, and the University of London decided to admit to its medical examinations and degrees, and its graduates have taken their share of honors both in England and abroad. India absorbs the majority of English women doctors. The Lady Dufferin fund enables thousands of poor women to avail themselves of medical aid, and many women doctors are needed in this practice alone. Several native rulers, as for instance the enlightened Nizam of Hyderabad, have established hospitals for women in their states, and are glad to get English women doctors to serve in them. There are in all 247 hospitals, dispensaries, etc., in India, entirely under the charge of women. A woman doctor, Mrs. Stewart-Deacon, has recently been appointed Government officer of health for the Gold Coast Colony, Africa, a position which involves the inspection of a number of towns. Assistant medical officers serve as medical officers in Port Said and Suez, are women. In plague duty in India and at the South African concentration camps women doctors are employed, and one of these, Dr. Alice Cathorn, who had charge of the General Plague Hospital at Poona, has recently been given the Kaiser-Hind medal for public service. At least three English women physicians have been thus honored. "It should be remembered," writes Dr. MacMurchy, "that much of the distinction and success of English women physicians is due to the fact that they and their friends founded the New Hospital, officered entirely by women, and that the work done by the doctors there in advanced surgery, medicine, clinical teaching, and the various departments of specialists' work showed that these higher walks of medicine were not beyond them."

In Great Britain, as in America, women practitioners serve as medical officers on charity boards, in insane asylums, etc. The general post-office has for years employed Dr. Edith Shove to look after the health of the women clerks. As inspectors of boarded-out children, resident doctors at children's institutions and general health supervisors in girls' schools they are greatly in demand. On the Continent the woman doctor is slowly but steadily pushing her way. Four hundred and six women are studying medicine in Germany, but their position is rather difficult, as they are only allowed to attend lectures under humiliating conditions. In 1901 two women passed the state examination for medical practitioners in Freiburg, Baden, and are said to be the first to be admitted to the profession in Germany.

In Russia, on the other hand, many women practitioners hold Government appointments. The Poor Law Service, the County and City Medical Service, and the Municipal Ambulance Service all have women on their staff. Eighty-five women are practising medicine in France. In Austria women began to study medicine in 1897 and within a year fifty women were registered as students. In Italy there are about twenty women doctors. One of them, it is said, is physician to the queen. In Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Switzerland, and the Slav countries the labors of medical women have received approbation and reward. There are several successfully practising in Turkey, Egypt, Persia, and the East. An English woman is reported to be court physician in Corea.

Of the opportunities offered to women in medicine on this side of the Atlantic it is hardly necessary to speak at length. It is not difficult for a woman to obtain a first-class medical education either in the United States or in Canada. The examinations and degrees of all Canadian universities are open to women, and the Woman's Medical College at Toronto has been available since 1883.

The number of appointments open to American women is large, and is constantly increasing. In Massachusetts as far back as 1884 a state enactment made the appointment of women as assistant physicians in insane asylums mandatory. New York state provides many places for women physicians. Until recently no city hospital admitted women internes, but since Gouverneur took the lead others will undoubtedly follow. The work of Dr. Emily Dunning has been highly spoken of at Gouverneur, where she has served nearly two years. She took her turn at ambulance duty, and performed many difficult and not altogether agreeable emergency district operations on the streets; the Gouverneur district including a part of the town noted for its casualties.

There are close to eighty names of women physicians in the business directory of New York. In the Greater city there must be several hundred women in practice.—New York Post.

## OFF FOR THE FRONT.

The Levantings of Russian Soldiers and of Those of the Mikado.

Before leaving for the seat of war both the Japanese officers and men attend a special service, with the object of appealing for the success of their arms.

It is considered a great honor for the emperor to instruct officers who are commanded to go to a holy place, which he appoints. The religious beliefs of the Japanese people are divided into two heads—the Shinto and the Buddhist—and the former means literally "the way of the gods." Apostles of this creed believe that if they perform a valiant deed in the service of their country they will after death become gods, and thus the officers who usually attend the Emperor's Dora pray that strength may be given them to do something heroic.

In Shinto, Japan is held to be the country of the gods, and the emperor to be the direct descendant and actual representative of the Sun Goddess. In it there also seems to be mixed up a system of hero worship, many renowned warriors and other persons of ancient days being exalted into demigods; it thus tends to increase the feeling of reverence for the dead.

Throughout the country the Shinto shrines are constructed in very simple style, and are, as a rule, made out of white wood, unadorned by brilliant coloring as in Buddhist temples, and roofed with thatch.

Japanese private soldiers go to the Shokonsha to pray, and the ceremony consists of supplications that they may do their duty, while at the end three hearty cheers are given for the emperor. The streets on such occasions are crowded with the soldiers' sweethearts, waiting to bid them goodbye, and as their modesty is generally a barrier to a final embrace, the parting takes the form of a low bow and a final wave of the hand.

Russian officers and soldiers under orders of the front attend a service before they leave to pray for the ultimate success of their arms. Special prayers are read; the one most generally used, "Blessed be God, holy and immortal. Have mercy upon us. Our cause is a just one; therefore let us all pray to the Lord that He may strengthen our arms in order that we may gain a victory over our enemies, with all their wiles. May we be imbued with great courage to overthrow our enemies, and may God open their eyes to the importance of peace."

The service is not a lengthy one, rarely lasting more than 20 minutes. Frequently, before setting out for the Far East, Russian priests sprinkle the soldiers with holy water, and many believe that the rite renders them invulnerable, or at least goes far to protect them from the enemy's bullets.—London Daily Mail.

## Lexieff, Viceroy of Russia.

Admiral Alexieff first comes into prominence in the years following the China-Japanese war of 10 years ago, when Japan invaded and effectively occupied southern Manchuria, including the Liaotung peninsula, vividly called in Chinese, "The Dragon's Sword." Japan demanded that from China the whole of Manchuria, as well as Formosa and the adjacent Pescadore Islands, and a heavy cash indemnity. China consented to the cession of southern Manchuria and Formosa, but asked for a remission of a part of the cash. Then Russia came into the story with Germany on the one arm and France on the other, Japan was forced off the Asian mainland, but took a large payment from China in lieu of Manchuria, with a Russian guarantee for its liquidation. At that point, with the signing of the Shimonski treaty, the present quarrel in the Far East began. Japan's thwarted hopes turned to steady hatred of Russia, and a desire to be revenged, soon or late. She at once began to take measures for that revenge, and the problem with thoroughness and imaginative breadth, Japan arranged to have built in England as first among naval powers, four of the heaviest and strongest battleships the world had yet seen, and six somewhat smaller ones, and six powerful armored cruisers. Russia saw that these preparations were aimed at her, and began to build up a Pacific fleet. Admiral Alexieff first comes into the world's history as commander of Russia's fleet in the Far Eastern waters.—Charles Johnston, in Harper's Weekly.

## THE PROSAIC AGE.

If dairymaids wore diamonds, And shepherds evening dress; If "sweetly scented roses" Resembled water, and if If thrushes ceased to "warble," And skies to "smile in blue;" And every "summer breeze" Whatever it is they do;

If "bounding ocean billows" Should "sweep no more the sands;" If all the "moonlit evenings" Were in receivers' hands; If larks grew pessimistic, And every "summer breeze" Should join a labor union, And rhyme no more with "trees;"

If all the "sturdy peasants" Had derby hats and canes, And every "lovely landscape" Were packed with railway trains; If "timid deer" the sidewalks Of Broadway should elect, And nightingales use language Which parrots now affect;

If "gentle lambs" attacked you With murderous intent; If penguins came and bit you, As "through the land you went," If "rosy dawns" grew scarier, And "blushing girls" extinct— Ah, me! poetic fancies No longer would be inked.

—Harvard Lampoon.

## JUST FOR FUN



Gadsby—That fellow Nescades is a regular fortune-hunter. Raynor—Well, he's a mighty poor shot.—Judge.

"They are mere nobodies." "Are you quite sure? They look enough like nobodies to be somebodies."—Puck.

Curioso—Your name is Ephraim, is it? How'd your parents come to give you that name? Modestus—I don't know for certain, but I suspect it was because I was a boy.—Boston Transcript.

A great debt: Bragg—I owe nothing to any man. Newitt—Oh, yes, you do. Bragg—No, sir! Newitt—Oh, yes. You owe an apology to every man who has to listen to you blow.—Philadelphia Press.

Improvement at the gas office: "Did you have any luck when you went to complain about the gas bill?" "Better luck than last month," answered Mr. Meekton; "the man didn't laugh this time."—Ex.

"I understand," said one Korean, "that you are to be seized." "Yes," answered the other; "I love my country, but I wish it weren't so much like the prize in a grabbag at a fair."—Washington Star.

"Funny about Ralston wanting his former wife to get a divorce from her second husband so that they might get married again." "Not very. He's always been falling in love with other men's wives."—Ex.

What he would rather have expressed differently: Gushing lady—Oh, but Mr. Jones, I should love to be beautiful—even if for only half an hour! Jones—Yes; but you wouldn't like the coming back again!—Punch.

"An elephant must be a pretty expensive animal." "Yes, I wish I had enough money to buy one." "What do you want with an elephant?" "I don't. I merely expressed a wish for the money."—Philadelphia Press.

"Sometimes," said the poet, "I am almost afraid that I take myself too seriously." "Oh, well, never mind," replied his kind-hearted friend, "there's no harm done if you do. Everybody else regards you as a joke."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Before the Russian spy was shot, the officer who had captured him insisted on heart-to-heart talk. "You say you have swallowed a number of plans, rather than be caught with them in your possession," he remarked. "Isn't eating paper in such quantities rather hard on the stomach?" "Oh, no," replied the Russian. "I used to be the official taster in a breakfast 'food factory.'"—Cincinnati Times-Star.

## The Causes of Cynicism.

Cynicism is never a natural quality of the mind. It always has its birth in some unhappy experience. The young man finds that the girl who has gathered up for him all the harmony and melody of earth rings hollow at the test, and he drops his lyrical language and becomes cynical of women. The citizen of Boston has naturally grown cynical of newspapers. The candidate for public office who has been definitely rejected to private life by being "knifed" at the polls distrusts party politics. A man publishes a novel and thenceforth is cynical of the publishers of novels. Yet these misadventures have their salutary aspect. The disappointed lover, generalizing bitterly upon the sex, is not always implacable. A cooler judgment tempers and restores his passion, gives it another object and so guides him to a safer if less gusty and emotional love. The citizen of Boston, the betrayed candidate, the blighted young novelist, all have for their condition, even though they know it not, a valuable compensation, for the very event that has brought them to this pass of reasonable cynicism has stirred their indignation—yes, in spite of their seeming inertness, indignation is now smoldering.—Arthur Stanwood Pier, in Atlantic Monthly.

## Women's Losses in Rochester Fire.

The terrible conflagration which laid low the main part of the dry goods section of the city brought crushing losses to a large number of women engaged in various lines of business. In no other district would the fire have such a chance to work mischief for this alert, industrious part of the community, and pitiful indeed is the condition today of the dressmakers, music teachers, manicurists, pattern makers and workers in embroidery and art work, etc., who saw their plants, extensive and successful, or small and struggling, wiped out of existence. The result of years of hard work and patient thought and planning, the accumulation of books relating to special lines of work, of costly tools, all went, and the future lies full of perplexity and trouble for even the bravest and most hopeful among the losers.—Rochester Union.

Much has been heard of the efficacy of the Japanese explosive projectiles. The powder used is the invention of a Japanese. He claims that with regard to explosive force, the powder stands next to blasting gelatin and on a much higher level than dynamite or gun cotton. A handful exploded on an iron plate one and one-half inches thick forced a hole through the plate. At a special test made two years ago, a six-inch shell loaded with gun cotton made a hole a little larger than its own diameter in the target and burst with trifling effect in the backing of coal. A shell charged with Shimose powder tore an aperture three feet in diameter. The composition is handled with the greatest safety, and it costs only about one half of gun cotton.

Ancient time-keeping has received new light from two remarkable stones lately unearthed by the German explorers on the site of the old Ionic port of Miletus. These stones are the remains of calendars, of which one is shown to date from 109 A. D. The year was divided into twelve zodiacal signs, and against each month the motion of the remaining signs was given with a note predicting the weather. On the left side were thirty holes, a wooden peg being moved forward one hole each day, thus giving the astronomical date. This new find has made clear the meaning of paragegma, or peg calendar, a name by which other stones have been rather mysteriously known.

Baroness Burdett-Coutts on April 21st celebrated her ninetieth birthday and received hundreds of telegrams, messages and presents. An amusing incident of the birthday was the arrival of a very small lady with her nurse, who left a bouquet, inscribed, "From the youngest baroness to the oldest baroness in England." It was an offering from the Lady Clifton, who departed, accompanied by her nurse, with an air as of a duty well done. The tiny, four-year-old peeress was to have sat next the Baroness Burdett-Coutts at the coronation, when her stern guardians decided that she was too young to be present.

The Baldwin Locomotive Works recently completed its shipment of twenty-four locomotives ordered by the Japanese government. The engines were taken apart and placed in boxes and framework and then placed in box cars so they could not be seen from the outside, the Japanese government and the Baldwins being anxious to keep the matter a secret. The engines are intended for use in Korea on the Seoul-Kobe railroad. American mechanics will set up the engines.

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According to an Oklahoma newspaper the health of Geronimo, the famous old Apache chief, is still good, although he is very aged. His home is ten miles from Lawton, yet he usually walks to and from the place to do his trading. He is quite often asked to give an exhibition of his skill as a marksman with the bow. This he readily consents to do, provided a nickel is made the target and it is to become his own in case he hits it.

Patent medicines are never sold in the apothecary shops of Sweden. The Government limits the number of these shops, and there are only 350 in the whole country, Stockholm, with a population of 300,000, having only twenty-two.

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The burning of the Alexandrian library was the greatest literary loss the world ever sustained. This consisted of two large buildings, one of which was said to contain 400,000 volumes, the other 300,000 volumes. The former building was accidentally burned, but the latter, after being enriched, was robbed of its valuable store of manuscripts by the Caliph Omar, who distributed them among the furnaces of the Alexandrian baths, to be destroyed by fire.

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